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Default judgment vs Dynasty

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood adopted Monday a magistrate judge's recommendation to enter a default judgment against the management of the defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino in connection

with the lawsuit filed against them by former foreign workers or CW-1 employees.

Tydingco-Gatewood granted the workers' motion to strike the answers of Tin-

ian Dynasty's owners and management—Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. and Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.

Tydingco-Gatewood pointed out that, in this case, there were no objections that were filed by any party to Magis-

trate Judge Heather L. Kennedy's recommendation.

In her recommendation, Kennedy stated it is established that "a corporation may appear in the federal courts only through licensed counsel."

In this case, Kennedy said, the court informed Tinian

Dynasty on several occasions after the withdrawal of their lawyers in 2016 and 2018 that they may face sanctions, including stricken answers and a default judgment, if they fail to obtain a new lawyer.

"Yet no counsel has ap-
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Parole denied for wife-killer

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A Superior Court judge denied yesterday any possibility of parole for the man who has already been slapped

with a 25-year prison term for killing his wife at their home in Oleai.

After completing his prison term, the 46-year-old Sylvestre Rogopes Sablan
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In this file photo, Sylvestre Rogopes Sablan is escorted by Correction officers after a hearing in connection with the murder of his wife, Ana Maria Pialur Limes, in April 2015. Sablan was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment, with no possibility of parole.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



KONFITMA DRILL

A participant of this year's Konfitma exercise undergoes decontamination outside the former Juvenile Detention facility in Kagman yesterday as part of the drill. As of press time last night, the 24-hour full-scale all-hazard exercise was still ongoing on Saipan and on Rota.

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Muña: PSS all set for school opening

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The CNMI Public School System is ready for today's opening of classes for school year

2018-2019 and the more than 20 schools under its supervision are ready to welcome thousands of expected students, said interim commissioner Glenn Muña.

He said they have addressed all issues, from the hiring of teachers and other staff to the renovation of facilities and securing all permits needed weeks before

the opening of the classes. "We have renovations, that's always been ongoing. We've hired enough staff and we're ready to go. The inspections, we're wrapping it up and ready to go. We're
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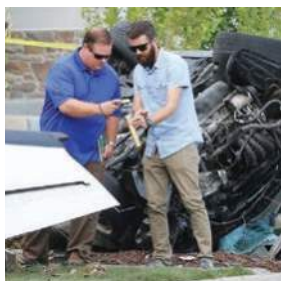
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Local

Man, 22, is arrested again for new sex abuse charge

A 22-year-old man allegedly sexually abused a 15-year-old girl who was then sleeping in her bedroom on Saipan last Wednesday night.

The suspect, Peter Fritz Lizama, was arrested and brought to the Superior Court Monday on charges of two counts of sexual abuse of a minor and one count of disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$75,000 cash bail for Lizama's temporary freedom and set the preliminary hearing for Aug. 20 at 1:30pm.

Police said that Lizama cried during the interview and confessed he had sex with the girl.

The girl told police that it was the seventh time that Lizama had sex with her and that the previous incidents happened in 2015.

According to police, when officers met with the girl last Thursday, she had puffy eyes and appeared to have been crying.

The girl stated that while she was sleeping in her bedroom last Wednesday night and was awakened by someone touching her privates.

The girl said she was very scared and did not know if she should fight, scream, or run away.

The girl said that when she shifted around, the man stopped and ran out from her

bedroom. She looked through her window and recognized the man as Lizama.

Last November, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause for all charges to move forward against Lizama who allegedly sexually abused a 15-year-old girl who was earlier reported missing in Koblerville. There were no available information yet about that case as of yesterday.

The girl was reported missing last Nov. 9 at night, but was recovered by police the following day. Police learned that she did not return home from the day before, Nov. 8. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

SCS open house tomorrow

Saipan Community School is hosting its annual Open House and Parent Orientation Night tomorrow, Aug. 16, starting at 6pm.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend as well as members of the community interested in learning more about the school.

The open house will include a brief introduction to the SCS teachers, staff, and administration.

Students and parents should meet in the church at 6pm for a general assembly before proceeding to individual classrooms. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to discuss goals for the school year, curriculum, and co-curricular activities such as MathCourt, STEM Fair, NJFL, Spelling Bee, PGFC, and mock trial, as well as athletic events.

SCS is a private Christian

school that was established in 1976 as the first Protestant school on the island.

SCS offers a U.S. curriculum taught in English. It is our mission to prepare elementary and junior high school students for further studies.

If you are interested in learning more about SCS, contact Amanda Dunn, principal, via email: principal@saipancommunityschool.com call its offices at 234-6687 or visit the school on Beach Road in Susupe. *(PR)*

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Rotaract to hold Summer Shootout

The Rotaract Club will organize the island's very first Summer Shootout, a free throw basketball competition, as a way to fund raise for the youth organization's future events like professional development programs for high school students.

"We wanted to hold a professional development workshop but, as we are going through the planning process, it turns out funding is a major issue," said Rotaract Club's Keoni Seichi during yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

"To help with this, we will have a \$20 registration fee and the total prize is \$500. It goes to the No. 1 shooter in the game," he added.

He said the Rotaract Club has been lately giving out flyers to basketball players by visiting each basketball court around the island to encourage people to join the upcoming event.

Korean organization invites students to visit South Korea

The Korean Community of Saipan is inviting 20 high school students from Saipan to visit South Korea this October so they could experience the Korean way of life and culture and how it differs from life on Saipan.

Association president Jaeyeol Ling hopes the students who will join the Oct. 12-16 trip will also get to learn the history and culture of Korea.

According to Ling, students will only have to pay \$500 and the rest of the expenses will be covered by the organization.

At the moment, the trip to Korea is still in the planning stages and the Korean Community of Saipan is still waiting for applicants.

Last year, 23 students were selected to participate in the program, accompanied by five translators.

They explored places such as The War Memorial, Yongin zipline, Incheon, and Itaewon, Seoul.

For more information on the October trip to Korea, contact the Saipan Mayor's Office student-exchange coordinator Yuki Kishimoto 670-234-6208. *(Fahim Uddin)*

Siechi wishes for the local Rotary Club to continue maintaining community projects to strengthen its relationship

with the community.

The Rotaract Club is a service, leadership, professional and community service orga-

nization for young men and women between the ages 18-30. It is under the purview of the Rotary Club.

Rotary Club of president-elect Marcia Ayuyu, meanwhile, said that last weekend's McFun Run raised a total of

\$4,190 from donations and registration fees.

"It was a great turnout," she said. *(Fahim Uddin)*

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MHS promises improvements

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Today marks the beginning of the school year and the Marianas High School administration has made some major improvements to improve their students' learning experience.

In an interview with MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera, she said that MHS staff has been

working tirelessly to improve not only the school curriculum but the facilities.

"I want to tell the students that we are very excited to have them back. Every year we try to grow and improve ourselves as a staff and so this year we continue to grow and improve like how we deal with students, how we connect with them, and we really want to

build relationships with them. We want to get to know them even as many as they are... and we want them to have a great experience," she said.

Some of the major improvements this school year is a new bell schedule, new facilities, and added extra-curricular programs.

"They can expect a few changes to our bell schedule.

...We will have a new cafeteria that is going to open up in September or October, we have a gym that is back in session, we have new teachers, and we will have new programs," she said. "They should know that we're going to continue a lot of the great things that we've had, such as numerous classes. We probably have the most career technical classes out of every high school and we also have the most AP classes... and the most students."

According to MHS vice principal Melanie Sablan, MHS expects to welcome a total of

1,583 new and returning students, about the same number of students as last year



FRESH HAIRCUTS

First lady Diann Torres is all smiles with beneficiaries of the Lady Diann Torres Foundation's Back-to-School Cuts project, which offered free haircut services to students who were preparing for the new school year. Services were delivered at the Kagman Community Center yesterday.

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ALUMK-NIGHT GIFT

Mount Carmel School thanks her most recent AlumK-nights, the Class of 2018, for their donation of four water dispensers to the school as their graduation gift. For several years now graduating classes have set aside some of their funds to donate parting gifts to the school.

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will be placed on 10 years of probation. He has already been sentenced last January to the maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment, with five years suspended.

The hearing yesterday was whether to grant Sablan the possibility of parole and to outline the terms of his probation.

Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio said she understands that the methamphetamine or "ice" in this case led to a brutal murder.

Kim-Tenorio said the victim, Ana Maria Pialur Limes, was remembered by family members, friends, and in the community with her dance, music, and flower. Limes was a cultural dancer.

"You took away the education of culture in this community," the judge told Sablan.

Kim-Tenorio said what Sablan did to Limes was beyond brutal.

"You broke her emotionally and literally," she said.

Kim-Tenorio said when the community learned about Limes' murder, it sent a shock-wave.

Sablan told the court that Limes was his life.

"She's the love of my life. She was the one," Sablan said, adding that he is not pointing any fingers in this case.

When the prosecution played a video of Limes singing when she was still alive,

Sablan sang along.

Assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio, counsel for the government, opposed allowing Sablan to become eligible for parole.

Tenorio said this was not a case of methamphetamine but of domestic violence, that Sablan was a controlling man who subjected Limes to physical, verbal, and emotional abuse.

In an interview later, Tenorio said this was not a case where the defendant has any redeeming quality that would entitle him to be released early.

"This case underscores the most serious case of domestic violence," she said.

The prosecutor said the reason why the Commonwealth speaks out and prosecutes cases involving domestic violence is because, left unchecked without family members speaking out, without witnesses speaking out, without help available to victims, this is the ultimate and most unfortunate end to what can happen to a victim of domestic violence.

"Unfortunately, as the judge said today this does not... bring the victim back. There is no win for the victim but, hopefully, it does provide conclusion," Tenorio said.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, counsel for Sablan, said this case is without a doubt, the worst proof of the "ice" epidemic on Saipan, that this was a direct consequence of Sablan's "ice" addiction.

"This is an out-of-control violence. Nothing but 'ice' driven," said Hartig as he noted that before the meth abuse, Sablan was a nice person—kind and helpful.

Hartig said what they are asking is an opportunity for Sablan to prove that he is worthy of probation.

Some family members and relatives of both Limes and Sablan spoke in court.

Sablan signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty last January to the charge of murder in the second degree. The prosecution agreed to dismiss the remaining charges.

The court earlier consolidated the murder case and the possession of methamphetamine or "ice" against Sablan.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Sablan with one count of illegal possession of a controlled substance and three counts of disturbing the peace.

In the second case, the OAG charged him with second degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and aggravated assault and battery.

The OAG then filed a motion to consolidate the two cases. The judge granted the request.

The murder occurred on or between April 18 and April 19, 2015, while the "ice" case occurred on April 19, 2015.

The government alleged that after killing Limes, Sablan walked around Oleai/San Jose Village and created a disturbance.

Due to that disturbance, police officers responded to complaints and saw Sablan holding a small bag containing "ice" and arrested him.

Limes, 52, a former staff assistant of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), was found dead inside her house in Oleai/San Jose on April 20, 2015, at noon. Autopsy showed that she died of a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation report from the FBI laboratory exam showed that a chemical test for the presence of blood on a pair of short pants taken from Sablan turned up positive.

Police said the results concluded "to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty" that Limes was a contributor of the DNA obtained from the short pants.

The FBI report also confirmed that DNA was present on a sledgehammer and pieces of a wooden paddle. Examination done on the sledgehammer and pieces of wooden paddle confirmed "to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty" that Limes was the source of DNA obtained from both items.

Police said that physical evidence procured from the crime scene such as the sledgehammer, pieces of a wooden paddle, stick from a wooden paddle, along with the clothing procured from Sablan, were sent to the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia for examination.

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all ready to welcome our students," said Muña.

He added they have been working with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Bureau of Environmental Health, and the Department of Public Works' Building Code Safety in inspecting and securing all school facilities.

"We've worked with them all summer to address all of their findings and their recommendations. All our schools have their permits and come Wednesday, we're ready to open up our schools," Muña said. "We also increased our [internet] bandwidth. And, for the first time, we've hired all [the teachers and staff] that we

need. We have about 1,001 teachers and staff."

He said that it would also be a busy first quarter of this year for PSS. "We also have our accreditation that we're gearing up for in October. We're going to be announcing our teacher of the year and counselor of the year in November."

Muña, in last week's CNMI State Board of Education meeting, told the board that they were able to hire 27 new teachers.

PSS has also hired two Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps instructors, four coaches, two classroom teachers for Head Start, two special education classroom teachers, and one Early Intervention occupational therapist.

Most of the school principals hired their teachers to fill their vacant slots even before the school opening.

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peared to represent [Tinian Dynasty] since Jan. 16, 2018, when defendants' second counsel was permitted to withdraw from the case," Kennedy said.

Therefore, she said, the court may strike HKE's and Mega Stars' answers and enter default based on their failure to defend and failure to comply with the court's orders to obtain a lawyer.

Kennedy noted that the former workers' motion for default judgment does assert an amount for damages or include any evidence necessary for the court to determine the amount of damages for the entry of a final judgment.

Samuel Mok is counsel for Eric F. Dona and six other co-plaintiffs. There are 15 named plaintiffs in this case.

In their lawsuit, Dona and co-plaintiffs alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to them about their immigration status.

Mok alleged that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to the workers that they were legally authorized to work despite the de-

nial of their CW-1 petitions.

In this dispute, Kennedy said, the plaintiffs filed a complaint with claims of fraudulent concealment, negligent misrepresentation, constructive fraud, and wrongful termination, and seeks punitive damages.

On April 27, 2018, the workers asked the court to strike the defendants' answers to the complaint and enter default judgment against HKE and Mega Stars in an amount of damages to be determined at a hearing.

Last February, Chun Wai Chan, a corporate representative of both defendants, disclosed that the total outstanding liabilities of the owner of Tinian Dynasty has now climbed to over \$250 million, excluding the \$75 million in civil penalty assessed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Chan revealed that HKE's outstanding liabilities keeps increasing due to late payment penalties and interest.

Chan said Tinian Dynasty's casino operation stopped in August 2015, and when the hotel operation halted in March 2016 and no income has been generated since then.

KHS prepared to handle 'situations'

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Kagman High School principal Leila Staffler said they always collaborate with CNMI agencies when it comes to providing emergency preparedness training for their teachers, staff, and students.

Staffler's comments are in connection with the annual Konfitma all-hazard exercise that took place yesterday at nearby Chacha Oceanview Middle School. She added that they were informed that a Konfitma drill is going to take place at Chacha.

Although they have no role in Konfitma this time, Staffler said they are going to collaborate with agencies like the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

"All the local agencies collaborate with us to provide training for emergency preparedness. Konfitma is something that is not designed for schools alone. We're not working with Konfitma today, but we will be working with [local] Homeland Security and other partners to do our own Konfitma at the school level," said Staffler.

Staffler told *Saipan Tribune* that they usually do drills with agencies like the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and other agencies involved in emergency preparedness and first responders.

"When we do our drills, we work with the same agencies to oversee our big emergency preparation activities. We do at least four drills every year, one per quarter, and we do practice the different emergency preparations that we planned," said Staffler.

She added that they also observe the national Great ShakeOut earthquake drill every year. "We do earthquake preparedness in the month of October, so that's something

that we'll do again this year."

Staffler said they also observe drills for fire and also practice what to do in case of a school shooting. "Unfortunately, we do our practices for possible school shooting incidents that I pray would never happen in our community. But we do practice our lockdowns and shelters-in-place."

"We've also updated our fire procedures because we realize that we need to have different evacuation zones in the case of different types of fires. That's something that we've improved from our plan in the previous years."

"The one thing that might be something different that we will practice this year is trying out the different evacuation zones, depending on the pretend situation that we're going to set up," added Staffler.

Today's opening

Staffler said their preparation for school year 2018-2019 began during the summer break, from the training of their teachers and renovations done at the KHS campus grounds.

"So far so good. We've spent more time training teachers this year with the different programs that we'll be using to support our instruction. Our school preparation for the opening was something we've spent over the summer preparing," said Staffler.

Several students like seniors Alyssa Valdez, Marla Sali, Mary Santos, Jonisha Pangelinan, and Aundrea Aldan also volunteered to assist their peers in signing up for lunch passes, parking permits, and handing out class schedules for this school year.

Staffler said she and her staff are excited and ready to welcome old and new students. "We've freshened up all of our classrooms. They are nicely painted and look new."

"We've done a little bit of renovation around the cam-

pus: our cafeteria, stage area, and added doors in some buildings that need additional doors. The floors are buffed and we got our different instructional resources that came through over the summer. We're ready now for the students," added Staffler.

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Kagman High School teacher Maria Ornes, standing left, joins some of the students that volunteered in assisting their peers yesterday in preparation for today's school opening.



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GHIS holds open house

Golden Harvest International School held its school year 2018-2019 open house last Friday with incoming students and their parents enjoying an early evening of fun and merriment with the San Jose school's faculty and officers.

More than 40 attended the open house that featured a bounce house and free popcorn, cotton candy, nachos, and the traditional Filipino refreshment *gulaman*.

The open house allowed incoming and current students and their parents to check out the school's classrooms, talk with its teachers, and discuss GHIS' rules and regulations. It also gave GHIS faculty and

staff a chance to welcome new students and get to know their families.

GHIS Day Care director Imelda Bautista said the school is starting the school year with eight more staff: four teachers and four child-care workers.

She said the school takes pride on its ideal teacher-to-student ratio. Bautista said it is 1:4 for infants, 1:7 for toddlers, 1:7 for preschool, and 1:10 for after school.

GHIS is located across the San Jose Church in San Jose Village. Its school year starts today, Aug. 15. For more information on GHIS, call 235-4655. (PR)

Xerox launches new products

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Xerox Corp., which makes copiers and printers, has a new lineup of products that keep up with new technologies and automates office workflow.

Tiffany Rabacal-Harper, an Office Solutions specialist from Xerox Hawaii, introduced the new feature-laden machines at the “Technology Show” yesterday at the Xerox office in Garapan, where they showcased the Xerox Altalink and Versalink products. “... These are the newest and latest devices that are launched nationwide... The basis for the new features is to make life easier just like one would be using a smartphone or tablet,” Rabacal-Harper said. “We have added features that one can control anywhere they are, such as security features, centralized management, information flow, document format, and customized workflows...the machines are very intuitive and easy to use.”

One of the things that is truly exciting is the Xerox App Gallery, According to Rabacal-Harper.

“The machines have apps like Dropbox, Google Drive, Office 365... These apps are subscription-based with Xerox...we have robust offerings

and they are free to download,” she said.

“The new products are compatible with Apple and Android devices, have cloud connectivity, ability to store documents, option to print in color or black and white,” she added.

Other features include the “Xerox Easy Translation” where the devices can translate documents into 40 languages, the “PDF Converter Professional” where PDF images can be converted to Excel or Word documents, and the “Nuance Output Manager” where documents are secured and have print management software that provides device authentication, authorization accounting, and audit.

Xerox Service & Solutions executive Nola K. Hix said the units stay affordable. “The units can be purchased or leased. A lot of our small desktops range on a lease for about \$50 a month and whether purchased or leased, it comes with free service and supplies. We are the only provider on island that have equipment insurance, especially with previous disasters like Typhoon Soudelor,” she said.

“We have our ‘total satisfaction guarantee warranty,’ which means if there’s any time during the lease or after the sale the customer is not



From left, Xerox Service & Solutions executive Nola Hix, Xerox sales administrator Darwin Sablan, Xerox accounts receivables representative Jenise Rideb, Xerox client manager Ciara Maratita Ada, Xerox Office Solutions specialist Tiffany Rabacal-Harper, Xerox Guam & Saipan general manager Pamela Quinata, and Xerox customer service engineer James Howard at the “Xerox Technology Show” held yesterday in Garapan.

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satisfied with the product, we can replace them at no charge. ...In terms of availability, we have the units here on island [and] we also have our inventory in Guam. So customers that are looking for new equipment won’t have any issues with that,” she added.

Xerox general manager for Guam & Saipan Pamela Quinata said the businesses on Saipan is very important to

Xerox. “We [are] updated in technology [on] both Saipan and Guam. ...We are far geographically but we are still part of the United States and a lot of our businesses here is international. I think no one can afford to miss what’s coming up and that’s why we are here.”

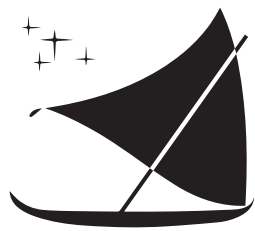
Tucker Baldwin, chief operations officer of Bridge Capital, who was one of the guests at the launch, found the pre-

sentation informative.” It gave us the basics of what the new product lines are, which is always useful as it saves us a trip to the mainland as they bring the experts to us,” he said.

“We are always looking at our equipment to see how we can keep up with the need... a lot of the stuff that they talked about today is right in line with where we are today and where we are eventually

going,” he added.

In terms of product appeal, the “Easy Translation” feature caught the attention of QuickPrint manager Marilou Lambat. “We have Chinese customers and they like to have documents translated from Chinese to English. With this, we don’t have to hire a Chinese translator anymore and will make business more efficient and effective.”



Northern Marianas Humanities Council

Navigating the Human Experience

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This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- **Research and Publication in the Humanities;**
- **Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;**
- **Preservation of CNMI History; and**
- **Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).**

A fifth category, **Lifetime Achievement**, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council’s office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.northern-marianashumanities.org.

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and **are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 12 October 2018.**

Awards will be presented in a special ceremony in October (time, date and venue to be announced).

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-030

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POWER POLES (FEMA Water System Mitigation Project)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA and the CUC, Board of Directors.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address-manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-adrian.reyes@cucgov.org, Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email address-christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLON
Purchasing Administrator

Snyder shares SIS' accreditation experience

Saipan International School headmaster Ron Snyder and Mt. Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero shared the experiences their schools went through when undergoing accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

SIS recently achieved a six-year accreditation status from the Accrediting Commission for Schools-WASC.

Snyder and Deleon Guerrero, during last week's two-day professional development training, met with other members of the Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association.

"We had a special presentation where in the first day all the principals of the schools met with the [CNMI State Public School system] Federal Programs [Office] and the following day was about accreditation," said Snyder. "It was a meeting for all who were interested in accreditation. It was for anybody who wanted to know about the accreditation process. We met in one of the rooms and we talked about how to do it."

Snyder said he and Deleon Guerrero talked "about the whole accreditation process and how to go through all of it—how to best approach it and how to fund it because the process can be expensive."

SIS went through a rigorous quality control program during their accreditation, which is beneficial to their students when they seek higher education in U.S. universities and colleges.

The accreditation also means that their students are prepared for postsecondary classes, aside from being recognized by the U.S. government for its capability to accept international students.

Snyder said they also shared what they have learned from their curriculum development with other CCOPSA member schools.

"WASC identified curriculum development as a need for us; we said let's share our research into how to best approach this need with other schools. So we invited them all [CCOPSA members]."

Agape Christian School, Brilliant Star, Rota's Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, Grace Christian Academy (Saipan and Tinian), Green Meadow School, Northern Marianas School, and Saipan Community School joined SIS and MCS representatives at the two-day training.

Professional development

Snyder said they looked into how to improve the programs of all CCOPSA member schools in 2016. They presented their research in 2017 despite the lack

of resource speakers.

"We decided that we wanted to share our resources and do some professional development. In 2016, we discussed the different ways of doing that and the following year we had six breakout sessions presented by SIS and MCS teachers," said Snyder.

They saw it worked pretty well with other CCOPSA members. One from SIS and MCS, and two from SCS pre-

sented at this year's training

Snyder said the curriculum development was designed for Kindergarten to 12th grade, with the whole idea behind the process about understanding by design. "It is very explicitly defined what the end product is, the end goals."

"In a curricular sense, what each disciplinary group wants their students be able to know and do in the end. For ex-

ample, what social studies or English students should be able to know and be able to do by the end of 12th grade?"

"And then, once you define that, then you start planning out how do you reach that."

What classes and what skills do you need to develop all the way down from [Kindergarten to the 12th grade]. So there's a progression that's steady and not too irregular so that students don't have too much to handle in one year," added Snyder.

He said curriculum development goes from disciplinary skills all the way to school living skills, with "the teacher as the partner of the school in developing these skills" in students.

"If the program is put together properly with the end goals in mind, then you can move from the beginning levels to the end, knowing that this is where you want them to be and maturely reach the understanding that we want the students to have," added Snyder. *(Jon Perez)*

SIS welcomes new teachers, students, parents, programs

Saipan International School opened the 2018 school year on July 8, 2018, with five new teachers.

In response to parent requests for a deeper science program, SIS hired two new science teachers this year: Elizabeth Mansfield and Kristopher D'Alterio.

Mansfield, an experienced Biology and Chemistry teacher, joined SIS from Bilkent International School in Ankara, Turkey.

D'Alterio is the new Physics and AP Calculus teacher and a recent graduate of New York University, Abu Dhabi where he worked on a joint program with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory to study the variability of water MASERS around supermassive black holes.

Yu Chau is also new to the staff this year as a Mandarin teacher, working on a fellowship with the College Board and the Confucius Institute.

In the elementary school, Tricia Gleason joined SIS' Early Childhood team with Veronica Willden.

Gleason has been teaching for the last four years in Korea at the Gyeonggi Suwon International School, an international baccalaureate primary years program school.

Willden is a native of Chile and will be working as a co-operating teacher at SIS.

SIS also announced the addition of an after-school program for children in grades K-5 from 2:45pm to 5pm. The program focusses on wellness and is available to SIS students at no extra cost.

School headmaster Ron Snyder, AP English teacher Ingur Lee, and new SIS counselor Whitney Altizer welcomed all new students and parents to the high school in a Parent Night last Monday. Lee discussed the role of service and the recommendation in university application process. SIS will also be sponsoring him in a follow-up workshop in Korean for the entire CNMI Korean population.

Altizer shared with parents how he can support students throughout the application process. He has been teaching in Korea for several years and has just returned from two successful courses at the International Counselor Training Center where he networked with other inter-

national school counselors on topics such as the university application process and the unique needs of international students growing up outside of their home cultures.

Snyder offered a presentation on university programs in English outside of North America, focusing on programs in Europe that are free for all students. He also gave an overview of the SIS high school course offering, including the new AP Capstone Diploma program.

SIS is the only school in Micronesia and one of nine in the Pacific authorized to offer the AP Capstone program. This year's AP Capstone Seminar course will be taught by Kimberlee Church, an experienced AP and IB English teacher. *(SIS)*



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Borja hopes more will join youth leadership program



JON PEREZ

Student council leaders from various public and private schools pose for a picture after a workshop as part of the 2018 Youth Leadership Cohort, which is a project under the Office of the Governor Special Assistant for Youth Affairs.

ing a shopping mall on Saipan.

Mt. Carmel School's Dayna Macaranas teamed up with Grace Christian Academy's Wilgene Lieto and Marcky Masilungan to outline the advantages of having marijuana legalized in the CNMI.

Talia Trianni of GCA, and MHS' Angela Barbo, Esther Huh, and John Bucayo talked about obesity, its impact on the community and ways to prevent. GCA's Justine Calayo, MHS' Carl Garon, and SSSS' Tiah Camacho and Sheena Varias hope to someday have a Students Engaging in Academics and Leadership that would help students who struggle in some of their subjects and studies.

CNMI State Public School System Office of Curriculum and Instructional Services associate commissioner Jackie Quitugua said that YLC is another program that they are looking to include in the future.

"We need to sustain it. That means, we need to think of how we can give you elective credits because this is the choice that you have to make during summer—give up your summer so you can learn something. These are the kind of opportunities we're thinking of how do we help our kids to move to the next level," said Quitugua.

Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, who was the guest speaker at a recent certification ceremony at the American Memorial Park Visitors' Center, challenged the students that would go off island to seek higher education to return and be part of helping the CNMI.

"I ask you to make it a point to come back to help the community and the students who are also trying to find their way on which direction to go, what career to take, and which college to go to. Last month alone, there were 5,000 job openings," said Benavente, who added that she and her husband, former lieutenant Diego Benavente, are some of those who came back to the CNMI.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said all occupations on the island are important. "Every one of you have a different occupation that you want to be; don't let anyone tell you that it is not important or you should shift."

"Do what you believe what's right for you, because that's the only way you could help the community, by doing something that you are passionate about."

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Shelane Borja hopes more student leaders would join the third year of the Youth Leadership Cohort, and she looks forward to having Tinian and Rota students join the program in school year 2018-2019.

Student council leaders from various public and private schools on Saipan underwent a weeklong workshop as part of the 2018 YLC, which is a project under the Office of the Governor Special Assistant for Youth Affairs that Borja heads.

Borja said the program, which began last year, is open to all student council leaders where they present possible solutions to community problems. "They had a weeklong workshop with different people in our community, like cur-



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres leads other young leaders during the 3rd Youth Leadership Cohort at the American Memorial Park Visitors' Center.

JON PEREZ

rent leaders and businessmen, just sharing their stories."

"We wanted them [students] to meet each other and work together to figure out ways to help the community, recognize their participation and how to empower them to have other leaders become active members in our community, define what leadership means

to them and recognizing that it is not just a position," Borja added.

She said that representatives from the CNMI Scholarship Office and the local Department of Labor talked about career readiness and the current labor demands of Commonwealth industries.

That's why, Borja said, it is

hoped the program would spark more interest in student leaders this coming school year. "We're hoping that it would be something that more student leaders are going to be a part of."

"So, we're hoping that more people are going to run for STUCO (in both public and private schools). And hopefully we could include Rota and Ti-


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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 18-COTA/FTA-128 (A-B)

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 04, 2018 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

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ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL TO MR. JADE MANGUBAT AT cota16assistant@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 4:30, LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 22, 2018.**


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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.


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**/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT


DATE: August 15, 2018

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination request from the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) regarding the proposed renovation of the Tinian Youth Center. The project, located in San Jose Village, will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). More information about the project, including the proposed scope of work, can be accessed via the DCRM website at www.dcrm.gov.mp.

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for seven (7) days, starting on August 15, 2018 and ending on August 22, 2018 in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9901 (a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian Campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

- I. **PRELIMINARY**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
March 10, 2018 (recessed and reconvened on August 10, 2018)
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS'**
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
Review current Rules and Regulations
Discussion regarding status of applicants
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Treasurer's Report
 2. Review and Approval of Fall 2018 applicants
 3. Discussion of discrepancies
- V. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**
- VI. **SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION'**
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Jesusa C. Atalig
Chairwoman

1. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
2. Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.
3. Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

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22 years after Amber's death, alert system reminds us to be ever vigilant for our children

Nearly everyone in America knows what an Amber Alert, also known as a Child Abduction Emergency, is. They stop our hearts—and remind us we must all be vigilant—each time we see or hear one on our cellphones, TVs, radios, digital road signs or social media.

But too few Americans know that the Amber Alert system was named for Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old Arlington, Texas, girl abducted on Jan. 13, 1996, while riding bikes with her 5-year-old brother.

The sole witness to Amber's abduction, 78-year-old retiree Jim Kevil, promptly reported it to police, saying he saw her being forced, screaming, into a black pickup by an adult male.

Neighbors, friends and more than 50 police officers and federal agents spent the next four days searching for Amber. On the fifth day, near midnight, her lifeless body was found in a creek 4 miles from the parking lot where she had been abducted. Her throat had been cut. Her family and the entire Dallas-Fort Worth community were heartbroken.

Amber's murder remains unsolved. But the grief that overwhelmed our community 22 years ago was channeled in a positive direction. After the slaying, a Dallas mother named Diana Simone suggested to a local radio station that a program be put in place using the Emergency Alert System to notify the public when a child is abducted. If Americans across the country could get early warnings for tornadoes and floods, why not for child kidnappings?

Today, the Amber Alert system is used in all 50 states, U.S. territories and 22 other countries. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, as of March, 924 children had been successfully recovered through Amber Alerts.

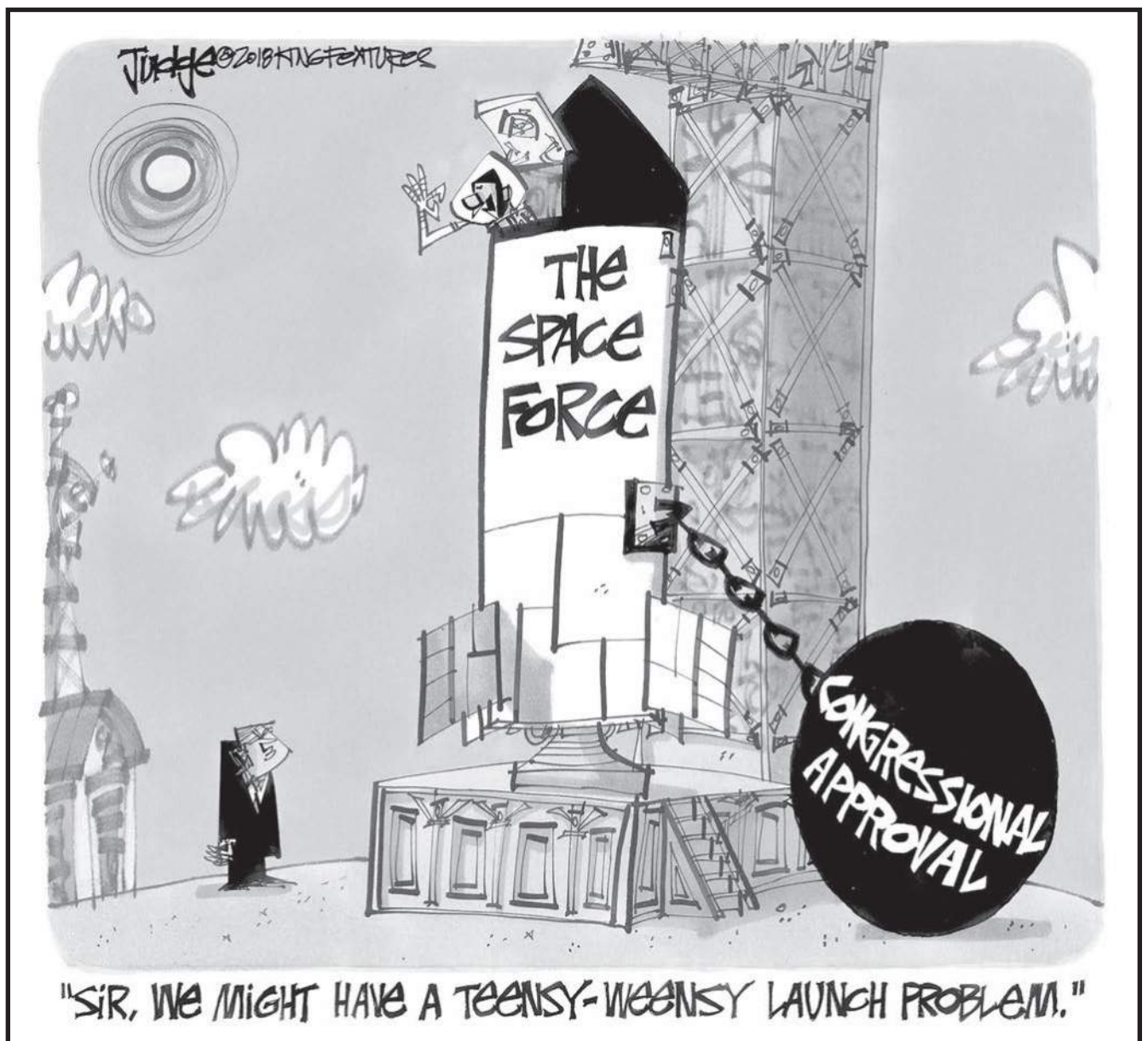
If only we had more stories like this. What began as a local tragedy was transformed into a worldwide effort, using the most advanced technologies available, to better protect our most precious assets: our children. It's perhaps not surprising that this global movement took root in Dallas, where for 30 years, the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center has held its annual Crimes Against Children Conference. This year's event begins Monday.

As Facebook's Emily Vacher, a former member of the FBI agency that helps find missing children, writes, the social media company has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to launch an Amber Alert program to "target information—including photographs of the missing child—to people who are in the search area for the missing child and who might be in the best position to help."

Yet, as Vacher clearly recognizes, "technology alone is never enough. It takes the tireless efforts of law enforcement to keep these cases open—to pursue these partnerships, and to recognize the potential of new innovations to revive old evidence."

So, while we give thanks for all those saved in her name, we also hold out hope for a breakthrough in the investiga-

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Sinimai: Dispues sessu malumus i asuntu gi halum tarun palabran “prisetbasion”. Hafa takeke prisetba? Na ti kuttura diariu na eksisiu? Pues kase i dichu palabra “petpetuasion”, haf` mo-hon? I palabra ha sikniffika tai finagpu`. Ilegu na estague` malago`ta pot kuttura-ta ma`ug gi linala` natibu!

Lokue`, haf` na para un` diskukuti kutturan Chamorro gi finu` Eñglis? Yangin desde tutuhun un` chanda i dichu sahyan kuttura, pues haf` inañgai-mu ume`esuetti gueku na esplikasion? Kulan i Chamorro i Amerikanu ni mafanana`gue tatte ni hila` nanaña. Dios mihu na che`chu atlibes!

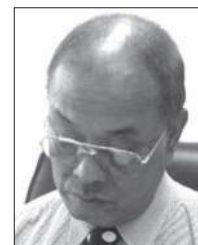
Dañosu: Gi 1974 sumaunau-yu` gi rinikonosen tautau Rongelap yan Utirik giya Marshalls ni Atomic Energy Commission. Man-mariseta haf` estau hinemlu` niha pot dinanche i dos lugat potbus radiation `nai manapagpag atomic bomb giya Bikini.

Todu i mandinanche man-matai kanset thyroid (un` dikiki` na kosas gi menan guetguerumu) pot fotte na binenu. I man-lahoben lokue` man-nina`ye chenot kanset inyun niha thyroid mina` man-mariseseta kada sakan.

Puti na pinadesen hinemlu` ni ti inespian niha soluke aksidente binira i regulat na direksion mañgu ya i tanu` niha `nai poduñg i petbus radiation. `Nai hu diñgu i dos tanu` `nai mattu i mas triste na sentimentu giya guahu. Taya` i los probes siña machogue fuera ke u manaña finatai niha dispues de man-inadite kanset agaga`. Ha estotba konsensiag-hu este na asuntu i manmafa` ihemplu pot binenun potbus radiation. Si Yuus u fan binendise!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Man-hame: Gi todus dos islas hu gachuñge los probes un` pueñge gi naftan familian niha ni manpininu` binenun potbus radiation ginen i atomic bomb.

`Nos kuantus pumadedesi kanset agaga` ni mana` fan hanau para Hawaii para u fan mariseta. Matuñgu` haf` mafafana`. Mafatkiluye pot mampus chagu` hospitat iya Majuro yan Honolulu. Mas mañgontentu gi fihun familian niha. Maletki riseta pot chinatsaga.

Matachuñgyu` gi kantun unai sige manhassu haf` siña bai ayuda i los probes. Diberas isau i Amerikanu ni ayu na bidaña i hafa` basula linala` ayu siha na tautau. Taya mas siña ha chogue ke para u rikonose kada sakan haye man-nina`ye yan kuantu mas man-inaditi. Dios mihu!

Hu komprende na todus hit para tafan matai lau yangin para un` dimalas pot che`chu` Amerikanu umestudia fuetsan binenun atomic bomb haf` na ti tautauña gi un` estadu `nai machogue ayu na eksperimentu?

Esta mauleg para uttimun linala` niha para umanaña puti yan sumen chatsaga na pinadesi ginen potbus radiation ni ginen atomic bomb? Kau mediu ga`ga` i tautau isla na mahasñgun mafa` cha`kan eksperimentu (Guinea Pig)?

Engaging the president

Let's face the fact that Donald Trump is the president, whether you call him that or No. 45 or, as I heard one young oppositionist say a few days ago, “46 minus 1.” He will be that for some time to come, barring miracles, legal interventions or defeat at the polls in 2020.

So what's to be done as he slowly, methodically, chops away at all that makes this a representative democracy? Congressional representatives don't represent: Republicans roll over; Democrats flail. And democracy is threatened with just about every presidential tweet or utterance aimed at undermining free speech, a free press and an independent judiciary.

Even as the opposition gathers stem for a midterm fight and lays plans for deposing Mr. Trump in 2020, we cannot totally ignore him. We must engage with him and his erratic policies one way or another.

A group of black clergy, most of whom I've never heard of, did so in a meeting with the president last week, ostensibly to discuss criminal justice reform, job training and other significant matters. As far as I can tell from the ensuing media coverage, they came away with a deal as solid as the one North Korea's Kim Jong Un got in Singapore in June and that Russia's Vladimir Putin got in Finland last month. That is to say: We don't know exactly what they talked about or how to measure the outcome.

AMBER

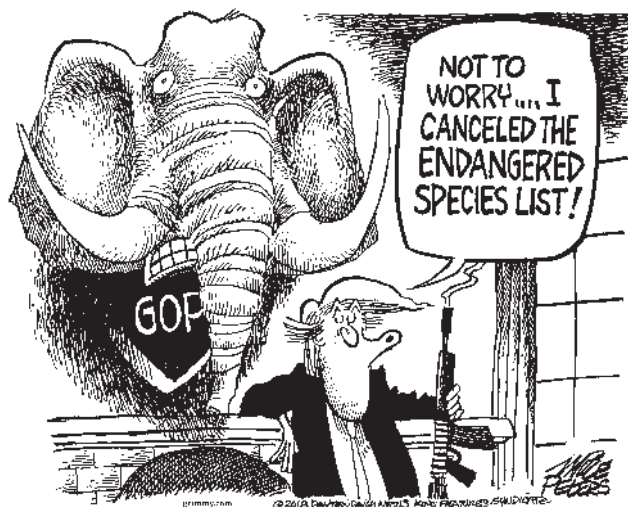
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tion of Amber Hagerman's brutal and senseless murder. As we reported two years ago, on the 20th anniversary of her abduction, while the Amber Alert system “may ensure her name won't be forgotten, like so many other missing or murdered children, her case continues to weigh heavily on detectives and her family.”

Her mother, Donna Williams, said it best at a January 2016 news conference:

“Amber desperately needs justice.”

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What we do know is that the meeting gave a black preacher from Ohio, Darrell Scott, yet another opportunity to play the role of a hallucinatory sycophant basking in the presence of his omnipotent overlord, the president. Mr. Scott displayed this tendency during the campaign. But this time, given the track record Mr. Trump has amassed in word and deed in 19 months as president, Mr. Scott outdid himself in minstrelsy. I doubt that he spoke for all of the churchmen, but their silence leaves them tarnished by association.

Said the reverend: “This is probably going to be the most pro-black president that we've had in our lifetime because ... this president actually wants to prove something to our community, our faith-based community and our ethnic community. The last president didn't feel like he had to. He felt like he didn't have to. He got a pass.”

That has led a group of oppositionist church leaders, including Baltimore's Jamal Bryant, to chastise Mr. Scott and company for meeting with “one of the most amoral persons to ever occupy the White House” and, in the process, acting as presidential “cheerleaders with a collar.”

How to engage the president was a topic at many of the

By E.R. SHIPP

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panel discussions and workshops I attended at the annual convention of the National Association of Black Journalists in Detroit last week. While chafing at the president's general hostility toward the press and his insistence that what we produce is “fake news,” some of my colleagues were particularly upset at the president's latest swipe at journalists: a tweet in which he called CNN's Don Lemon “the dumbest man on television.” This, mind you, was a gathering of 3,000 where Jemele Hill, the ESPN anchor who has also suffered the wrath of Mr. Trump, was named Journalist of the Year.






Black journalists are in something of a bind: Mainstream media has a mixed record of covering our communities and of opening doors to blacks in meaningful roles. Our fight, especially in the era of Donald Trump, is like that of black soldiers in World War II who waged a Double V Campaign for a victory against anti-democratic forces abroad as well as victory for democracy denied them at home. As journalists, we cannot remain silent when journalism and journalists are under attack. This is where Michelle Obama's admonition to go high when your adversary goes low comes into play. For us, that means relentlessly bringing to the public the truth—in words and images—so that they can decide the future of our nation.

They do that in large measure by voting, something that advocacy groups like the AARP and the NAACP are encouraging with robust initiatives aimed at those who have not heretofore seen the value of the vote. That's the ultimate engagement.

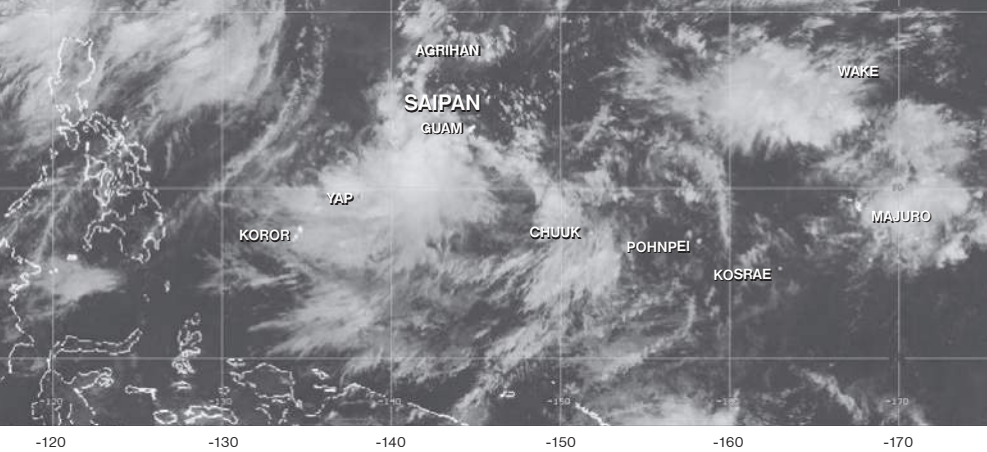
The bottom line is that disillusionment is not an option. In this war against national self-destruction, there is no place for flunkies and jacklegs. For everyone else? There's plenty good room.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph. Highs around 88.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	Breezy. Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 10:12 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation could be found south of the Marianas near 8N145E. Models show this circulation passing from south of Guam today then moving slowly and passing west of the Marianas by Thursday. This circulation is expected to generate mostly cloudy skies, isolated showers and thunderstorms through at least Friday. Low-level convergence and favorable upper-level winds will generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday night over the Marianas. Winds of 10 to 15 mph are expected today. The circulation will help cause elevated winds beginning later tonight. Winds of 15 to 20 mph are possible tonight through Friday night, with brief periods of 15 to 25 mph winds Thursday night through Friday. These elevated winds will be generated at first by the circulation then by the enhanced monsoon flow south of the circulation. Models hint at more scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms Sunday through Wednesday. This wet period appears to be from another circulation enhancing the monsoon pattern over the Marianas. GFS and NAVGEM do show the scattered showers while ECMWF depicts more patchy rainfall. With the varying model opinion, have left showers isolated through the coming weekend, but this may change as models come to a better agreement.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	87° / 77°	
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	86° / 81°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	63° / 54°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	88° / 72°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	88° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 76°	
London	Partly Cloudy	79° / 63°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	84° / 68°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	59° / 45°	
Miami	Mostly Sunny	87° / 81°	
New York	Sunny	91° / 75°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	84° / 75°	
Paris	Sunny	84° / 63°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°	
Rome	Sunny	84° / 66°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	92° / 72°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 53°	
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	93° / 72°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	91° / 74°	



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
04:43 AM	LOW TIDE	0.62	
10:07 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.88	
4:51 PM	LOW TIDE	0.10	
11:07 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.98	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:39 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:32 AM	9:52 PM	-
Thursday	10:26 AM	10:35 PM	-
Friday	11:19 AM	11:18 PM	-
Saturday	12:12 AM	-	-
Sunday	-	12:02 AM	1:03 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily		UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7		7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4	
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5		7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily		7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily	
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1		OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7	
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily	
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7		OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily		LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily		7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7		3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)					HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN				
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1		JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4	
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4		JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)					GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)					BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN				
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7		MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN		UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM	
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UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM		OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM		OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM		PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM	
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM		UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM	
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR						
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)					HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN				
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4		OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN	
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN		OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7	
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7		U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7	
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6	
					UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	
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STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.									
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily		
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily		
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily		
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily		
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily		
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily		
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
ROTA TO GUAM				FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily		
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily		
GUAM TO ROTA				2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily		
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily		
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily		
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily		
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily		
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily		
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily		

Removal order vs Guanlao goes ahead

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The federal court granted Monday U.S. Immigration and Customs officials' motion to dissolve the court's previous order that suspended an immigration judge's removal order against Amalia Abo Guanlao.

Guanlao, a Filipino mother of two minor U.S. citizen children, has been fighting against a 2013 immigration court's order for her removal.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood also denied Guanlao's motion to a stay pending appeal of the proceedings in federal court pending her appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Tydingco-Gatewood said absent a reason to maintain the stay originally imposed by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, ICE of-

ficials' motion to dissolve the stay is granted.

According to court records, on Sept. 10, 2013, an immigration judge found that Guanlao was removable as an alien and ordered her removed to the Philippines.

Guanlao appealed the judge's decision. She lost her case before the immigration court.

In June 2016, she filed a petition in federal court for a writ of habeas corpus, seeking determination of "the legality of her continued detention and intended removal" and "a stay of her removal during the pendency of this case."

On June 23, 2016, Manglona entered a stay of removal "while the court hears the petition on the merits."

In December 2017, respondents moved to dismiss Guanlao's second amended petition and also requested that the court grant the respondents' motion to dismiss.

Tydingco-Gatewood dis-

missed Guanlao's claims with prejudice. However, she did not explicitly address the stay of removal.

In light of the court's dismissal of the claims, ICE officials request an order explicitly dissolving the stay of

removal entered in 2016.

Guanlao, through counsel Rosemond Santos, argued that she will suffer irreparable harm if a stay pending appeal is not issued because she and her entire family will need to relocate to the Philip-

ines after spending 24 years on Saipan.

In granting respondents' motion to dissolve stay, Tydingco-Gatewood said Guanlao will not be separated from family; will be able to receive the medical care

she needs in her home country, the Philippines; and has not specified any economic hardship.

The judge said Guanlao has also not alleged that she will be mistreated if she returns to the Philippines.

Guma' Hustisia moves forward with projects



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Guma' Hustisia's walk-up service windows 1, 2, and 3 are open from Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. The public is not allowed to enter the Guma' Hustisia until the mold remediation project is completed.

The Guma' Hustisia has issued a request for qualifications, seeking the services of a mechanical engineering consulting services that would help the CNMI Judiciary fix its mold and air-conditioning problem.

All qualified vendors and contractors in the region are encouraged to submit proposals.

A committee of evaluators from the Judiciary, the Department of Finance, and Department of Public Works will make the selection of award-ees for the various projects.

With the request for qualifications, issued on Aug. 1, 2018, the Judiciary hopes to move forward with the pro-

curement process to evaluate and fix the Guma' Hustisia's air-conditioning system and mold problems.

"I am thankful for the understanding and support of Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres and members of the House and Senate for securing and appropriating these funds," said Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro. "The Judiciary is grateful for the public's patience as we continue to pursue efficiency in delivering judicial services."

The Guma' Hustisia has been closed to the public since March 16, 2018, when the air conditioning system broke down, causing temperatures to rise and adding moisture to the air which contributed to the mold growth.



On June 15, 2018, Torres signed into law an appropriation bill that includes \$7 million for the Guma' Hustisia's mold remediation, air conditioning system, and temporary and permanent alternate site projects.

The Judiciary continues to provide judicial services at alternate sites.

The Judiciary opened the Guma' Hustisia's front exterior windows for Accounting Service Unit/Cashier, Com-

monwealth Recorder's Office, Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and Law Revision Commission.

Other agencies that help the CNMI Judiciary continue providing services are the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office. (PR)

Guam OAG gets \$1.9M for victim assistance

HAGATÑA, Guam—The Office of the Attorney General in Guam was awarded \$1,909,864 in federal grant assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice to support programs administered by the Attorney General's Office that provide direct assistance to victims of crime.

\$1,876,864 was awarded through the Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance program.

\$33,000 was awarded through the Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation program.

"Each year I join my colleagues in providing strong Congressional appropriations for Victims of Crime Act programs," said Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) yesterday. "These programs are important to supporting efforts [in] Guam and throughout the nation to provide direct assistance to crime victims and help them overcome their challenges. I am hopeful that the programs supported by these funds help bring comfort to victims and their families." (PR)



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS back gate to be used

Marinas High School said the back entrance gate (Texas Road) will be opened for student drop off and pick up. Gates will be open for morning drop off during school days between 7:15am and 8:30am and after school pick up between 3:15pm and 4:30pm. When using back entrance gate, parents are to make the first right turn upon entering the back gate. This will bring you to a loop around the gym where you can drop or pick up students. A guard will be present to direct traffic. (PR)

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Aug. 16

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Aug. 16, 2018, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Re-

gency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker for the meeting will be Dr. William Moss, ENT specialist at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (PR)

Public library closed on Aug. 25

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in celebration of CNMI Labor Day. The library will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018. For the latest news and events, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joetenkiyu. Follow us on Instagram @joetenkiyu. The library's hours of operation are as follows: from Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm; Saturday, from 9am to 4pm; and closed Sundays, Mon-

days and holidays. (PR)

GTC Elementary School info

The Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School will have an open house/orientation on Aug. 14, 2018, for new and ongoing GTC students and parents, from 5pm to 6pm, at the school cafeteria, then at the child's classroom. This will allow parents to meet with your child's teacher and gain information about expectations for the school year.

Also, the school is still accepting registrations for new and ongoing students. If you have yet to register your child, do so as soon as possible to ensure your child is placed on the school roster prior to the first day of school. The first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 15.

For more information, contact the GTC main office at 664-3400/01 or visit its Facebook page at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. (PR)

Delegate candidate debate on Sept. 20

The debate among U.S. delegate candidates hosted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Marianas College is slated for Sept. 20 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, from 6pm to 8:30pm.

It will be a showdown between Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and Rep. Angel Aldan Demapan (R-Precinct 1).

Separately, the 2018 Gubernatorial Debate between Gov. Ralph DLG Torres (NMI-GOP) and his challenger, former governor Juan N. Babauta, is slated for Sept. 25, 2018, also at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, from 5:30pm to 8pm.

The two debates will occur over separate dates to properly highlight both the gubernatorial and U.S. delegate issues. All tickets to the gubernatorial

debate is sold out.

As the debates near, we want to remind our patrons of the following rules:

Cellular phone and/or pages must be turned off or set to silent mode. If you absolutely must take a call, exit the hall quietly. To avoid any distractions, you will not be allowed to re-enter the hall until an intermission or until the debate has ended.

Please refrain from talking during the debate to respect both candidates.

The use of flash cameras is not permitted. Flash cameras may be used during an intermission or at the end of the debate.

Hold your applause until intermission or at the end of the event.

Banners or other types of signage are not permitted as they may distract the candidates and other audience members.

Audience members may not display any promotional mate-

rial supporting any candidate. These items include but are not limited to buttons, hats, T-shirts, lanyards, etc.

Absolutely no betel nut chewing, no smoking, and no alcohol/food consumption during this event as per venue regulations.

Each candidate will be given equal time to answer questions submitted in advance by the public. The community is invited to submit questions to executive@saipanchamber.com.

Delegate debate tickets were available for purchased starting yesterday, Aug. 14, at the Chamber office on the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 315. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance as no tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seventh left, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muña, 11th left, lead the shoveling of dirt in Monday's groundbreaking ceremony for the Photovoltaic System Parking Shade Structure at the Commonwealth Health Center parking lot.

JON PEREZ

Solar power seen to cut CHC's utility cost

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. officials joined Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and members of the Legislature at the Commonwealth Health Center parking lot on Monday to break ground on the hospital's solar power project.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muña said that CHCC is estimated to save as much as \$700,000 on its utility bills once the solar project at the hospital's grounds is completed by next year.

"It will definitely reap some savings for us. We're looking at about \$700,000 in the first five years after the project is completed. It reduces the use of fossil fuels and it requires us to promote use of other energy resources so that's something that we're looking forward to," said Muña.

The project, called the Photovoltaic System Parking Shade Structure, is made possible after CHCC received a \$560,000 grant from the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. The project is expected to be com-

pleted on April 6, 2019.

Muña said the project is long overdue for a healthcare facility like CHC, as it would save them money that they can use for other services. "When you think about utility cost, it is one of the top three items that is of huge expense for us."

"Whatever savings that we get for our organization, will basically go back to the community. What we do with that savings is to likely expand our services and improve quality. We are very excited with this project."

She added that the hospital consumes a lot of energy due to the 24-hour air-conditioning and the equipment they use everyday. "Obviously, we consume a lot of energy. So we want to reduce that."

Monday's groundbreaking is only for the first phase of the project that would cover the entire parking lot of the hospital. "The first phase will cover section D of the parking lot. We're applying for other grants so we could continue all the way to the north side."

Muña thanked Assistant Secretary Douglas V.

Domenech and his team for approving the funding for the project.

"Thank you also to Gov. Torres and Lt. Gov. [Victor] Hocog for always supporting CHCC's projects. To the Legislature, your support would ensure that we could provide continued healthcare that is accessible and affordable to the community," Muña said.

The groundbreaking was also attended by CHCC board chair Lauri Ogumoro and Hocog.

Alternative energy source

Torres and Ogumoro said it is about time to take advantage of the CNMI's tropical weather and harness sunlight as a source of energy that would save the hospital money.

"We're trying to get an alternative source of energy here. We have sunlight all year-round. The solar panels would reduce utility costs and then create a similar parking space like [the Marianas Business Plaza]," said Torres.

"Now you're going to have a parking [lot] that has shade, keeps you dry, and, on top of

that, there's solar panels. They can do other activities here in the evening as well."

Ogumoro added: "Solar panels are the best way to harness the energy that's always been available in the CNMI. ... This is what's happening all over the world and we're finally catching up."

"Things are finally getting underway. We're looking forward to the first and second phases. It has been a work in progress and thanks to the team at CHCC, we're finally going to start Phase 1. [The sunlight] out here is what we want to harness for the [hospital]," Ogumoro added.

The CNMI Office of Grants Management collaborated with CHCC in making sure that the CNMI would get the grant from OIA.

"Thank you for working collaboratively with our grants office. Everytime we have groundbreaking we can't wait for ribbon cutting," said Torres.

Torres also encouraged the CNMI State Public School System to study the project so they too can reduce their energy dependency.

Meal plans for UOG students now simplified with 'electronic cards'

The University of Guam's Information Technology department has developed an electronic meal card system to track students' use of their meal plans at the dormitory dining facility and convenience store.

"We launched the meal plan last year using a paper system, but this new card system allows for more efficient tracking and also provides students more flexibility for how they want to manage their meal plan," said Jonathan Triplett, director of Residence Halls at UOG.

The meal plan provides 120 all-you-can-eat meals per semester, which students can redeem starting on Aug. 14 at the dormitory dining facility

for lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday, lunch on Saturday, and dinner on Sunday. A takeout option from the cafeteria is also available if a request is submitted to the director of Residence Halls. The cafeteria does not serve individual meals outside of the semester meal plan.

The meal card can also be used at the dormitory convenience store, which has a variety of drinks, snacks, and hot lunches.

Each student staying in the dormitories is required to have the meal plan. Students not living on campus can also sign up for a meal plan through the Residence Halls office on a semester basis. Compared to other

universities, it is one of the most affordable meal plans at \$800 per semester, or about \$6.25 per meal.

UOG is expected to welcome 966 new students this semester, with 180 students living on campus.

Prior to the implementation of meal plan cards, students were cooking for themselves in the dormitory kitchens.

Chief information officer Rommel Hidalgo and his team set up the card system, which scans into a computer program using a personalized QR code. The system was tested this past summer with a cohort of study abroad students who were residing in the dormitories.

"I think with these new technologies that we are implementing, it shows the students that the university is moving up as far as technology and implementation," Hidalgo said.

LSG Sky Chefs is on its second year of a three-year contract to both cater the dining service and operate and supply the convenience store in the dorms.

The dining facility is located on the second floor of Dormitory 3 and provides meal service from noon-2pm and 5pm-7pm Monday through Friday, 11am-2pm on Saturday and 5pm-7pm on Sunday.

The convenience store is located on the first floor of Dormitory 1 and is open daily from 8am to 7pm, with the possibility of change. (UOG)

BankPacific promotes 2

BankPacific announced yesterday the promotions of Janice McPhetres and Rizalina Ramos.

McPhetres was promoted to vice president and chief financial officer. A graduate of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, she has a bachelor's

degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting at Seattle University in Washington state.

After working with First Sound Bank in Seattle, McPhetres returned to Guam and joined BankPacific in 2013 as controller.

De Ramos was promoted to assistant vice president, controller. She received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from the University of the East in Manila. She joined the BankPacific in 2001. The majority of her knowledge and work experience has been in the accounting

field in the banking industry.

Philip J. Flores, president and chairman of the board of BankPacific, announced the promotions at the most recent meeting of the members of the bank's board of directors.

"These are two very talented [women] and their promotions are well earned," said Flores. (PR)

Business

Seattle airplane theft prompts review of security measures

SEATTLE (AP)—The spectacular theft of a 76-seat plane from the Seattle airport by a ground crew employee is prompting an industrywide review of how to thwart such insider security threats, though it remains unclear what steps airlines might take.

“This is too big a deal. It’s not going to go away,” said Glen Winn, a former Secret Service agent who teaches in the University of Southern California’s aviation security program. “There’s going to be a lot of discussion, a lot of meetings, a lot of finger-pointing, and it’s going to come down to: How do we stop it?”

Investigators are continuing to piece together how 3½-year Horizon Air employee Richard Russell stole the empty Bombardier Q400 turboprop on Friday evening and took off on a roughly 75-minute flight, executing steep banks and even a barrel roll while being tailed by fighter jets. He finally crashed into a forested island south of Seattle.

Russell was killed. No one else was hurt. In conversation with an air-traffic controller, he described himself as “just a broken guy,” said he “wasn’t really planning on landing” the aircraft, and claimed he didn’t want to hurt anyone else.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Courtney Gregoire called the theft from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport “truly a one-in-a-million experience,” but added, “That doesn’t mean we can’t learn from it.”

She said airport officials have been in touch with other airports and airlines to begin to assess procedures. Sea-Tac has added security guards in the cargo area where the plane



AP
A worker at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport places his finger on a biometric screening device before entering a secured area of the airport Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in SeaTac, Wash.

expects a renewed focus on insider threats and warned that there is a real possibility Russell’s actions could inspire terrorists or copycats.

Countering an insider threat remains challenging, given the number of people—caterers, mechanics, cleaning staff and others—who have access to aircraft.

Such workers already undergo background checks and drug and alcohol screenings. At some airports, including Sea-Tac, they are also subject to physical screenings the way passengers are.

Russell was not believed to have had a pilot’s license. His responsibilities included towing and pushing aircraft for takeoff and gate approach, de-icing them and handling baggage.

Many planes in service were designed decades ago and are started up by manipulating levers and switches in a certain sequence, rather than by, say, an ignition key.

Cities warn of unchecked pot deliveries, despite sales bans

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California cities on Monday objected to a proposed change in state rules that they say would allow unchecked home marijuana deliveries in places that have banned local pot sales.

In a letter to state regulators, the League of California Cities said the change would undermine local authority and potentially lure criminal activity to cities that wanted pot businesses kept out of their communities.

The proposal would unleash “cannabis delivery anywhere in the state, regardless of conflicting local regulations or bans,” the group wrote in the letter, released Monday but dated July 27.

“An influx of unapproved local cannabis deliveries will decrease transparency of cannabis operations and increase public safety obligations and costs for local law enforcement,” the letter said.

California kicked off broad legal pot sales Jan. 1. What has emerged is a patchwork of local laws, with some cities and counties embracing the legal cannabis economy while others have limited sales and grow-

ing or outlawed all commercial pot activity. That’s created so-called pot deserts, where sales are forbidden.

The state Bureau of Cannabis Control said in a statement that it was merely clarifying what has always been the case: that a licensed pot delivery can be made to “any jurisdiction within the state.”

The state is considering changes to rules that govern the legal marketplace.

At issue is apparently conflicting fine print in the maze of state law and rules involving marijuana.

The cities are pointing in part to Proposition 64, the law approved by voters in 2016 that opened the way for legal pots sales for adults, which allows local governments to ban nonmedical pot businesses. But the state is looking to the business and professions code, which states that “a local jurisdiction shall not prevent delivery of cannabis or cannabis products on public roads” by a licensed operator.

A proposal in the Legislature intended to clarify that a licensed business can deliver cannabis anywhere in California stalled in the Senate.

was parked when Russell stole it, she said.

“We’re not waiting,” Gregoire said. “We expect a national-level conversation. We expect the federal government may have some ideas about regulation.”

The industry group Airlines for America confirmed it is closely reviewing the incident but would not comment further. The National Transportation Safety Board referred questions to the FBI, which has released limited information about the investigation.

“There’s a lot of discussion about: What does this tell us?” said Michael Huerta, who retired in January as head of the Federal Aviation Administration. “I wouldn’t be surprised if the individual airlines came together with the regulators and made a decision that we need to do more.”

Potential solutions could include additional vetting or

monitoring of employees; changes in who can access the planes and when; having parked aircraft monitored by closed-circuit television or by security patrols; requiring electronic or digital passcodes to start a plane’s engines; or requiring locks that could prevent an unauthorized person from manipulating a plane’s throttle, experts said.

Aviation professor Jeff Price of Metropolitan State University in Denver said he

Turkey tries to contain crisis but currency keeps falling

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey’s central bank took action Monday to free up cash for banks as the country grapples with a currency crisis sparked by concerns over President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s economic policies and a trade and diplomatic dispute with the United States.

The Turkish lira has nosedived over the past week, accelerating a months-long decline, and tumbled another 7 percent on Monday as the central bank’s measures failed to restore market confidence.

Investors are worried about a confluence of factors: the country’s reliance on foreign loans that may stop flowing in as interest rates rise in other economies, like the U.S.; Erdogan’s insistence that the central bank not raise interest rates, as most independent analysts say it should; and a spat with the U.S. that has led to sanctions and the fear of great-

er isolation from longtime allies in the West.

The uncertainty pushed down world stock markets and briefly caused a sharp drop in the currencies of other emerging countries, like South Africa and India, amid concerns that investors might see similar problems in their economies.

The lira hit a record low of 7.23 per dollar late Sunday after Erdogan remained defiant in his economic policies and the standoff against the United States, a NATO ally.

“Turkey is faced with an economic siege,” Erdogan said Monday, in the latest of a series of speeches. “We are taking the necessary steps against these attacks and will continue to do so.”

He has threatened to seek new alliances—a veiled hint at closer ties with Russia—and warned of drastic measures if businesses withdraw foreign

currency from banks.

Erdogan also ruled out the possibility of higher interest rates, as they can slow economic growth. But independent analysts say higher rates are needed urgently to stabilize the currency and Erdogan’s hard line is one of the reasons investors are worrying.

Erdogan won a second term in office in June under a new system of government that gives him sweeping powers. He has used his new power to put pressure on the central bank to not raise rates.

On Monday, the central bank announced a series of measures to “provide all the liquidity the banks need”—but offered no hint of a rate increase.

The moves are meant to grease the financial system, ease worries about trouble at banks and keep them providing loans to people and businesses.

In times of high uncertainty, banks tend to shy away from lending to each other. A so-called credit crunch, a lack of daily liquidity, can cause a bank to collapse.

Simon Derrick, chief currency strategist at BNY Mellon, said the central bank’s measures are unlikely to be enough. In the absence of a decisive rate increase, he said, “it is...hard to look at these announcements as being anything more than temporary calming measures, rather than solutions to the problems at hand.”

The lira has now dropped some 45 percent this year.

Part of the concerns about Turkey are the same as other emerging markets. As interest rates rise in the U.S., investors pull their money out of countries that had enjoyed strong economic growth but are perceived as somewhat riskier.

STOCK

PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW

25,187.70

-125.44

-0.50%

S&P

2,821.93

-11.35

-0.40%

NASDAQ

7,819.71

-19.40

-0.25%

EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar

1.3759

British Pound

0.7830

Canadian Dollar

1.3120

Chinese Yuan

6.7826

Euro

0.8774

Hong Kong Dollar

7.8492

Indian Rupee

70.1592

Japanese Yen

110.7770

Malaysian Ringgit

4.0513

New Zealand Dollar

1.5161

Philippine Peso

52.4084

Russian Ruble

66.9324

Singapore Dollar

1.3748

South Korean Won

1108.31

Swiss Franc

0.9938

Taiwan Dollar

30.3073

Thailand Baht

33.2715

Nation

Police: Man flies plane into his home after fight with wife

PAYSON, Utah (AP)—A Utah man flew a small plane into his own house early Monday just hours after he had been arrested for assaulting his wife in a nearby canyon where the couple went to talk over their problems, authorities said.

The pilot, Duane Youd, died. His wife and a child who were in the home survived despite the front part the two-story house being engulfed in flames, Payson police Sgt. Noemi Sandoval said.

The crash occurred at about 2:30 a.m. in Payson, a city of about 20,000 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Salt Lake City.

Investigators believe the twin-engine Cessna 525 belonged to Youd's employer and that he intentionally flew into his own house; Sandoval said he was an experienced pilot. It wasn't immediately clear who employed Youd or whether he was authorized to take the plane.

It's unknown if the child in the house is related to Youd, Sandoval said.

Youd, 47, was arrested about 7:30 p.m. Sunday after witnesses called police to report that he was assaulting his wife, Utah County Sheriff's Sgt. Spencer Cannon said. The couple had been drinking and went to American Fork Canyon to talk about problems they were



Federal Aviation Administration officials investigate the scene of a plane crash in Payson, Utah on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018. Authorities say the small plane has crashed into a house in Utah, killing the pilot. AP

having, authorities said.

Youd was booked on suspicion of domestic violence and posted bail, Cannon said. Youd requested an officer escort him to his home so he could get his truck and some belongings around midnight.

That occurred without incident, Sandoval said.

Within hours, Youd was taking off in the plane from the Spanish Fork-Springville Airport about 15 miles (25 kilometers) north of his house. He flew directly to his neigh-

borhood and smashed into his house, Sandoval said.

Photos of the wreckage showed the white plane charred and in pieces in the front yard nearby an overturned and crushed car. Most of the upscale house was still

intact, but heavily burned in the front. Youd and his wife bought the 2,700 square foot house valued at nearly \$400,000, in 2016 in a quiet subdivision of new homes near the foothills, county property records show.

The plane barely missed power lines and other homes, Sandoval said. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

Online court records show that Youd agreed last month to attend marriage and family counselling sessions for six months as part of a plea agreement following an April 8 domestic violence incident in which he was charged with disorderly conduct.

It is the second bizarre airplane incident in recent days. On Friday an employee stole a turboprop plane from Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle and flew it for more than an hour before dying in a crash on an island southwest of Tacoma.

Glacier latest US park to be scorched by Western wildfires

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A wildfire destroyed structures and forced evacuations Monday from the busiest area of Montana's Glacier National Park, as officials in California prepared to reopen Yosemite National Park following a two-week closure at the height of the summer season.

Meanwhile, a Utah firefighter died Monday battling a massive blaze in Northern California — the sixth fatality in a matter of weeks.

The fighter was injured and died at a hospital, state fire officials said, but provided no further details.

Firefighters from many states are on the lines in California, which has seen a series of deadly and devastating wildfires since late July.

The death occurred north of San Francisco where the largest fire in recorded state history has been burning since July 27.

Two other wildfires in Northern California have claimed five other firefighters and six other lives.

In Montana, Glacier's

Sprague Creek campground was closed and evacuated, a day after a fast-moving fire triggered the evacuation of dozens of guests from the historic Lake McDonald Lodge late Sunday night.

Park officials said in a statement that structures on the north end of Lake McDonald were lost, but they did not provide details on the number and type. The fire grew to between 2 and 4 square miles (between 5 and 10 square kilometers) by Monday afternoon.

"It just completely exploded. Yesterday we were watching it grow all day, and now it's so smoky you can't see anything," said Kyersten Siebenaler with Glacier Outfitters, which rents boats in Apgar, a small community at the south end of the lake.

The outfitting company was trying to help tourists who evacuated find places to stay on the east side of the park, where it was not as smoky, Siebenaler said.

A second campground, a motel and private residences inside the park's boundary also were evacuated. A 30-mile (48-kilometer) stretch of the

scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road was closed to traffic. The road, with breathtaking views of the park's mountainous interior, is a major draw for tourists.

Triple-digit temperatures across parts of the state—paired with lightning from passing thunderstorms—set the stage for several new large fires to take hold in Montana in recent days.

Among them was a 3-square-mile (8-square-kilometer) fire that triggered an evacuation order for residents of 15 houses southwest of the town of Ennis, Montana. The fire was burning in challenging mountain terrain with a mix of pine, fir and spruce trees, said fire information spokesman Dave Sabo.

Montana had a slow start to this year's fire season following a record-setting 2017 in which more than 2,400 square miles (6,215 square kilometers) burned. This year's fires so far have charred a combined 30 square miles (78 square kilometers) of the state.

In Colorado, a wildfire in the southwestern portion of the state ignited by lightning July 29 had burned across 34

square miles (88 square kilometers) by Monday.

Wildfires flare up regularly at many of the large national parks that dot the U.S. West, often burning in densely-forested, backcountry areas where their effects are limited. This year's blazes threaten to have a magnified impact coming at the height of the summer tourist season.

More than 400,000 visitors last month passed through the west entrance of Glacier, near McDonald Lake. That was almost half the park's total. August is typically just as busy, and a protracted shutdown of part of the park could hurt the tourist-driven local economy.

"We're hoping this is short-lived," said Danny McIntosh, marketing manager for Glacier Park Collection by Pursuit, which operates Motel Lake McDonald. McIntosh said all of the guests in the motel's 28 rooms were relocated to other accommodations run by the company.

Yosemite was scheduled to reopen Tuesday after being largely closed since July 25 because of smoke from fires in remote areas that choked the scenic Yosemite Valley.

ACROSS THE NATION

Trump warns Cuomo: Anybody who runs against me 'suffers'

UTICA, N.Y. (AP)—President Donald Trump is daring New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to challenge him in 2020, warning the Democrat that "anybody that runs against Trump suffers." In remarks Monday night at a fundraiser in upstate New York, Trump said that Cuomo once called him and promised that he wouldn't run against him. Cuomo's office did not immediately dispute Trump's claim. The challenge came as Trump raised money for the re-election of Republican congresswoman Claudia Tenney. Trump's visit to Utica, New York, marked his first as president to an area he won in 2016. A New York native, Trump spent much of the event attacking his home-state governor as well as Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who is also thought to have White House ambitions.

Milwaukee police shoot, kill man on city's south side

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee police have shot and killed a 48-year-old man on the city's south side. Police Chief Alfonso Morales says officers were following up Monday afternoon on a suspect who fled from them earlier in the day. Officers conducted a traffic stop, and Morales says the Milwaukee man got out of the vehicle with a gun. Morales says two officers fired, and the suspect died. No officers were hurt. Morales says the suspect was wanted on two warrants, for violating probation and domestic violence. He says a firearm was recovered but would not say if the suspect fired his weapon. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports the shooting fell on the anniversary of the killing of 23-year-old Sylville Smith by a Milwaukee officer. Smith's Aug. 13, 2016, death sparked rioting on Milwaukee's north side.

2 die after road rage fight in N. California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Two men were killed after a road rage incident on Interstate 5 in Sacramento turned violent, the California Highway Patrol reported Monday. The incident may have begun as a vehicle collision around 3:45 a.m. Sunday. The drivers went north for about a mile, then exited their cars and fought, CHP spokesman Mike Zervas said Monday. The Sacramento Bee reported Jose Rodriguez-Carrasco, 37, of Oroville allegedly beat 39-year-old Jason Dykes of Sacramento to death with a baseball bat. Rodriguez-Carrasco reportedly continued to hit other vehicles with the bat as bystanders performed CPR on Dykes. Rodriguez-Carrasco left the scene and was walking along the interstate when he was struck and killed by a passing car, Zervas said.

Asia

Australia archbishop gets house detention for abuse cover-up

NEWCASTLE, Australia (AP)—The most senior Roman Catholic cleric convicted of covering up child sex abuse

was ordered by an Australian court Tuesday to serve his 1-year sentence in home detention rather than jail.

Newcastle Magistrate Robert Stone on Tuesday ordered former Adelaide Archbishop Philip Wilson to be detained at his sister's house for at least 6 months before he is eligible for parole. He will be under strict supervision including having to wear a tracking device that would alert authorities if he left the house.

Wilson, 67, has denied the accusations and had refused to resign pending an appeal. But Pope Francis accepted Wilson's resignation last month after mounting pressure including from the Australian prime minister for him to be fired.

Stone in May found Wil-

son guilty of failing to report to police the repeated abuse of two altar boys by pedophile priest James Fletcher in the Hunter Valley region north of Sydney during the 1970s. Wilson was an assistant priest at the time. Fletcher died of a stroke in 2006 while serving a prison sentence for child sex abuse.

Wilson, dressed in the black suit of a cleric, showed no emotion when the decision was announced.

His lawyer Ian Temby told the court Wilson planned to appeal his conviction but would not be applying for bail.

Outside court, Wilson was

confronted by one of Fletcher's victims, Peter Gogarty, who repeatedly asked Wilson if he would apologize as he was led to a waiting car, but the clergyman did not respond. "I'm beside myself about this," Gogarty later told reporters. "I'm still here, still hurting ... and not a single, solitary word to say sorry."

He called Wilson's detention lenient, labelling it a vacation.

Stone found Wilson had shown no remorse or contrition for the cover-up and his primary motive had been to protect the Catholic Church.

The magistrate accepted

Wilson was unlikely to re-offend but found he had to serve a period of detention to deter others.

He said home detention was adequate punishment given Wilson's age and mental and physical conditions and that he had previously been of good character.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly, who is running the Archdiocese of Adelaide until a new archbishop is appointed, said in a statement he was keeping Wilson "in his prayers as he formally commences this stage in his life, while also remembering the victims and survivors of abuse in the church."

Key Afghan city turned into 'ghost town' by deadly battles

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Hundreds of people have fled four days of fierce fighting between Afghan forces and the Taliban over the key provincial capital of Ghazni that has killed about 120 security forces and civilians, the defense minister and witnesses said Monday.

Nearly 200 insurgents, many of them foreigners, have been killed, the government said.

Between the civilians have left the city and those too fearful to venture from their homes into the streets, "Ghazni has become a ghost town," said Ghulam Mustafa, who made it to neighboring Maidan Wardak province with 14 of his relatives.

"The city became so dangerous," the 60-year-old Mustafa told The Associated Press while stopped briefly at a checkpoint where police searched for wounded Taliban fighters.

The Taliban's multi-pronged assault, which began Friday, overwhelmed Ghazni's defenses and allowed insurgents to capture several parts of it in a major show of force. The Taliban pushed deep into the strategic city about 120 kilometers (75 miles) from the capital, Kabul.

The United States has carried out airstrikes and sent military advisers to aid Afghan forces in the city of 270,000 people. The fall of Ghazni, which is the capital of the province of the same name, would be an important victory for the Taliban, cutting Highway One, a key route linking Kabul to the southern provinces, the insurgents' traditional heartland.

A spokesman for the U.S. military, Lt. Col. Martin O'Donnell, said the city "remains under Afghan government control, and the isolated and disparate Taliban forces remaining in the city do not pose a threat to its collapse, as some have claimed."

He added that attempts by the insurgents to hide among the residents "does pose a threat to the civilian population, who were terrorized and harassed by this inef-

fective attack and the subsequent execution of innocents, destruction of homes and burning of a market."

Sporadic clashes are continuing, O'Donnell said.

Afghan authorities insist the city will not fall to the Taliban and that Afghan forces are in control of key government positions and other institutions.

"The Taliban have failed in reaching their goal," said Col. Fared Mashal, the provincial police chief.

Gen. Tareq Shah Bahrami, Afghanistan's defense minister, said about 100 Afghan police and army and 20 civilians have been killed in Ghazni, the first official casualty toll released by the government since the Taliban launched the massive assault.

At a news conference in Kabul, Bahrami said the casualty figures are not definite and that the numbers might change. Interior Minister Wais Ahmad Barmak said nearly 70 police were killed.

About 1,000 additional troops were sent to Ghazni, Bahrami said. He added that 194 insurgents, including 12 Taliban leaders, were killed — with fighters from Pakistan, southern Russia's region of Chechnya and various Arab countries among the dead.

The Taliban destroyed a telecommunications tower on Ghazni's outskirts, cutting off landline and cellphone links to the city, where shops are closed. The fighting severely damaged Ghazni's historic neighborhoods and cultural treasures, Bahrami said, adding that he believes the next 24 hours would turn the tide in the battle.

Mustafa's wife, Razia, said they had no food, water or electricity for four days.

"There were so many dead bodies under the bridges, at the side of roads and under the destroyed houses," she said.

Their son and two daughters were wounded by shrapnel from an airstrike on the Taliban near a mosque.

Another witness, Abdul Wasih, 59, said his son was wounded in the leg by a mortar attack Sunday that killed five of his close relatives.



AP
Former Adelaide Archbishop Philip Wilson, center, arrives at Newcastle Local Court, in Newcastle, Australia, after a post-sentence decision, Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

China to UN panel: No arbitrary detention in Uighur region

BERLIN (AP)—China insisted on Monday that "arbitrary detention" or "re-education centers" do not exist in its far western Xinjiang region, rejecting concerns raised by a U.N. human rights committee that millions of ethnic Uighurs may be being held in camps.

Beijing was responding to questions raised by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva. A committee member last week cited estimates that over 1 million people in China from the country's Uighur and other Muslim minorities are being held in "counter-extremism centers" and another 2 million have been forced into "re-education camps."

In Xinjiang, following sporadic violent attacks by Mus-

lim separatists, hundreds of thousands of members of the Uighur and Kazakh Muslim minorities have been arbitrarily detained in indoctrination camps where they are forced to denounce Islam and profess loyalty to the party.

China's delegation told the U.N. panel that "there is no arbitrary detention ... there are no such things as re-education centers." It said authorities in Xinjiang have cracked down on "violent terrorist activities," while convicted criminals are provided with skills to reintegrate themselves into society at "vocational education and employment training centers."

"The argument that 1 million Uighurs are detained in re-education centers is com-

pletely untrue," Chinese delegate Hu Lianhe said through an interpreter.

He added "there is no suppression of ethnic minorities or violations of their freedom of religious belief in the name of counter-terrorism." But he also said "those who are deceived by religious extremism ... shall be assisted through resettlement and education."

Xinjiang has been enveloped in a suffocating blanket of security for years, especially since a deadly anti-government riot broke out in the regional capital of Urumqi in 2009.

Gay McDougall, the committee vice-chairwoman who raised the detentions last week, said she wasn't convinced by China's "flat denial" of the detention figures. She said

China "didn't quite deny" that re-education programs are taking place.

"You said that was false, the 1 million. Well, how many were there? Please tell me," she said. "And what were the laws on which they were detained, the specific provisions?"

There was no direct response to that in Monday's session, which addressed a broad range of issues that went well beyond the Uighurs.

But delegation leader Yu Jianhua said some panel members had treated "some of the unsubstantiated materials as credible information." He contended that some of that information came from groups which "seek to split China" and have links to terrorist organizations.

World

Clues but no answers in one of Syria war's biggest mysteries

DOUMA, Syria (AP)—Razan Zaitouneh earned enemies on all sides of her homeland's civil war.

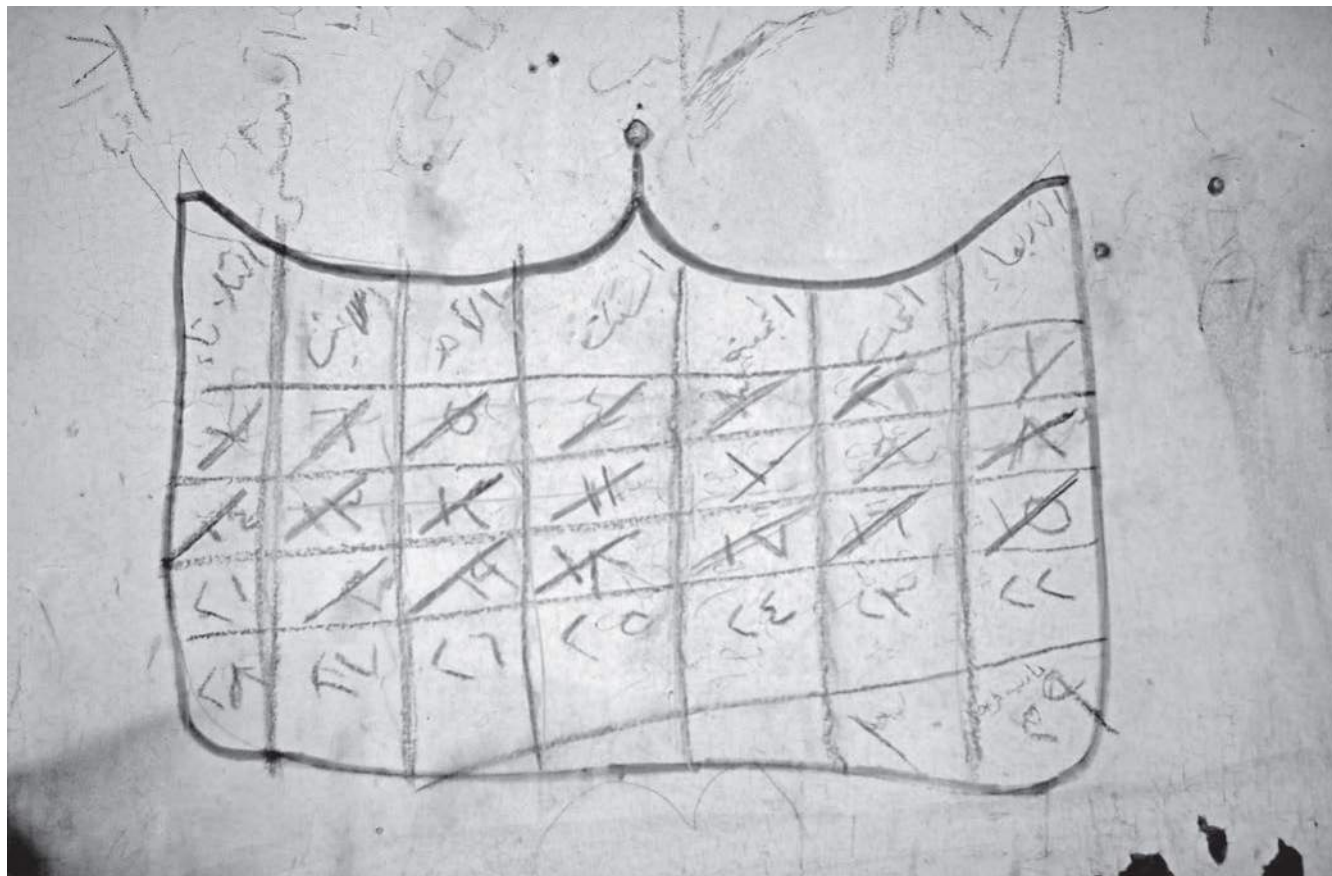
One of Syria's most well-known rights activists, she was bold, outspoken and defiantly secular. Perhaps most dangerously, she was impartial. She chanted in protests against President Bashar Assad, but was also unflinching in documenting abuses by rebels fighting to oust him.

Then she vanished.

Her fate has been one of the longest-running mysteries of Syria's long conflict. There has been no sign of life, no proof of death since a cold December evening in 2013 when Zaitouneh, her husband and two colleagues were abducted by gunmen from her office in Douma, a rebel-held town on the outskirts of Damascus.

Five years later, bits of clues are emerging: a handwritten threat vowing "I will kill you;" a log-on from her computer after the kidnappers stole it from her office; possible sightings by witnesses and reports of graffiti on a prison cell wall reading, "I miss my mother—Razan Zaitouneh, 2016."

The clues give strong indications that Zaitouneh was



In this July 15, 2018 photo, a calendar is painted by a prisoner on a wall of an underground cell in the abandoned Tawbeh Prison, where over the years the Army of Islam detained hundreds of people, in Douma, near the Syrian capital Damascus, Syria.

was laced with tunnels connecting the buildings and leading outside the compound.

The AP interviewed a dozen activists, rebels and acquaintances of Zaitouneh and locals from Douma to assemble what is known about her disappearance. Many spoke on condition of anonymity because they were concerned about upsetting the families or feared reprisals.

Zaitouneh was already well-known before the war as a defense lawyer for political prisoners.

She became one of the faces of the early days of Syria's uprising in 2011, when unarmed protesters took to the streets calling for Assad's removal. With long blonde hair and blue eyes, she chanted and sang at demonstrations. At one rally shown in an online video, she shouts through a loudspeaker, "Civil disobedience will continue until we bring down Bashar Assad's regime."

Under the government's crackdown, the opposition eventually took up arms, and the conflict slid into civil war.

taken by the Army of Islam, the most powerful rebel faction in Douma at the time, and was then likely held in its feared Tawbeh Prison. The Army of Islam vehemently denies any role in her disappearance.

It is also likely she was

killed, though how long after the abduction is unknown, several friends and colleagues told The Associated Press.

The small hope that she and the others were kept alive in detention was shaken in April, when Syrian government forces retook Douma. The Army

of Islam's fighters, their families and thousands of civilians were evacuated north in buses. Prisoners were released. But Zaitouneh and her colleagues did not surface.

An AP team recently toured the abandoned Tawbeh Prison, a compound that once was a

desertification research facility for the Agriculture Ministry. The complex was transformed into a dark maze of cells where the Army of Islam held hundreds of people over the years, including opponents.

Graffiti were scrawled on cell walls—names, greetings to families and crude calendars as inmates counted days. Solitary confinement cells were tiny, a meter wide and two meters long with a latrine hole at one end. The complex

UN report: Up to 30K Islamic State members in Iraq, Syria

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The Islamic State extremist group has up to 30,000 members roughly equally distributed between Syria and Iraq and its global network poses a rising threat—as does al-Qaida, which is much stronger in places, a United Nations report says.

The report by U.N. experts circulated Monday said that despite the defeat of IS in Iraq and most of Syria, it is likely that a reduced "covert version" of the militant group's "core" will survive in both countries, with significant affiliated supporters in Afghanistan, Libya, Southeast Asia and West Africa.

The experts said al-Qaida's global network also "continues to show resilience," with its affiliates and allies much stronger than IS in some spots, including Somalia, Yemen, South Asia and Africa's Sahel region.

Al-Qaida's leaders in Iran "have grown more prominent" and have been working with the extremist group's top leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, "projecting his authority more effectively than he could previously" including on events in Syria, the experts said.

The report to the Security Council by experts monitoring sanctions against IS and al-

Qaida said the estimate of the current total IS membership in Iraq and Syria came from governments it did not identify. The estimate of between 20,000 and 30,000 members includes "a significant component of the many thousands of active foreign terrorist fighters," it said.

While many IS fighters, planners and commanders have been killed in fighting, and many other fighters and supporters have left the immediate conflict zone, the experts said many still remain in the two countries—some engaged militarily "and others hiding out in sympathetic communities and urban areas."

IS fighters swept into Iraq in the summer of 2014, taking control of nearly a third of the country. At the height of the group's power its self-proclaimed caliphate stretched from the edges of Aleppo in Syria to just north of the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

With its physical caliphate largely destroyed, the Islamic State movement is transforming from a "proto-state" to a covert "terrorist" network, "a process that is most advanced in Iraq" because it still controls pockets in Syria, the report said.

The experts said the discipline imposed by IS remains

intact and IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi "remains in authority" despite reports that he was injured.

"It is just more delegated than before, by necessity, to the wider network outside the conflict zone," the experts said.

The flow of foreign fighters to IS in Syria and Iraq has come to a halt, they said, but "the reverse flow, although slower than expected, remains a serious challenge."

While the rate of terrorist attacks has fallen in Europe, the experts said some governments "assess that the underlying drivers of terrorism are all present and perhaps more acute than ever before." This suggests that any reduction in attacks is likely to be temporary until IS recovers and reorganizes and al-Qaida "increases its international terrorist activity or other organizations emerge in the terrorist arena," they said.

The experts looked at the threats posed by IS and al-Qaida by region:

■ ARABIAN PENINSULA: Al-Qaida's leaders recognize Yemen "as a venue for guerrilla-style attacks and a hub for regional operations." Yemen's lack of a strong central government "has provided a fertile environment for al-Qaida

in the Arabian Peninsula." Its strength inside Yemen is estimated at between 6,000 and 7,000, compared with only 250 to 500 IS members in the conflict-racked country.

■ NORTH AFRICA: Despite the loss to IS of the Libyan city of Sirte and continued airstrikes, the extremist group "still has the capacity to launch significant attacks within Libya and across the border, reverting to asymmetric tactics and improvised explosive devices." Estimates of IS members vary between 3,000 and 4,000, dispersed across Libya. Up to 1,000 fighters in Egypt's Sinai peninsula have pledged allegiance to IS leader al-Baghdadi. Al-Qaida is also continuing a resurgence in Libya.

■ WEST AFRICA: An al-Qaida-affiliated coalition has increased attacks on French, U.S., U.N. and other international interests in the Sahel. Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb has urged attacks on French private companies. The Islamic State in the Greater Sahara is active mostly at the Mali-Niger border and has less of a footprint. "Member states assess that terrorists are taking advantage of territorial control and ethnic conflicts to radicalize populations."

WORLD BRIEFS

Maduro: Gas prices to spike in Venezuela to fight smugglers

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—President Nicolas Maduro said Monday that some of the world's cheapest gasoline that Venezuelan drivers enjoy will soon be sold at world market prices to combat rampant smuggling. Maduro said he wants to stop Venezuela's subsidized fuel from crossing illegally into Colombia and other neighboring countries. He said the smuggling costs Venezuela billions. It's part of Maduro's plan to overhaul an imploding economy, in which inflation is expected to top 1 million percent this year. Filling up a tank of gas in socialist Venezuela today costs less than one U.S. cent. Maduro says Venezuelans showing their government-issued identification card at the pump will still be able to buy subsidized gasoline. He gave few other details of the planned changes. Many Venezuelans who oppose Maduro's government refuse the identification card.

Helicopter crashes in Tajikistan's Pamir Mountains, 5 dead

MOSCOW (AP)—A helicopter carrying climbers in Tajikistan crash-landed in the Central Asian nation's mountains, killing five of the 18 people on board, a Tajik official said Monday. The Mi-8 helicopter crash-landed Sunday while flying in strong winds and poor visibility in the Pamir Mountains, said Umeda Yusupova, a spokeswoman for Tajikistan's Emergencies Committee. It was carrying 13 Russians, one Belarusian and one Spaniard back to their camp after they had climbed the 7,495-meter (24,590-foot) Ismoil Somoni Peak. Three of the dead were Russian mountaineers and two were Tajik members of the helicopter crew, Yusupova said. The remaining 12 climbers and one crewmember were evacuated Monday by rescue helicopters. She said the survivors had sustained injuries and were given medical assistance.

Good Housekeeping

By **NORMAN WINTER**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Vermillionaire cuphea a must have plant for a summer of blooms, birds, and butterflies

Three years ago I wrote an article on cupheas and merely gave casual mention to a variety called Vermillionaire which we had been growing for a year. Now after growing three more years including seven at my home on a rocky red clay hillside in west Georgia, I can say this is a must-have plant.

When I say must have you may be thinking that is a pretty strong recommendation. Now in late July, my plants are about 24 inches tall and 36 inches wide. The -orange-red tubular flowers are non-stop and produced by the hundreds on each plant. There are always 5 or 6 hummingbirds on them leaving occasionally to go hit on my giant Amistad salvia.

The bees are there in great numbers too and every once in a while appear to challenge a hummingbird. This usually ends up with the hummer quickly showing who's boss. The thing that has surprised me most, however, are the



Hummingbirds will find the Vermillionaire's tubular flowers a place to visit all day.

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is truly a plant for anyone that enjoys the pollinator garden.

I have mine intermingle with milkweeds and the new Mysty blue salvia. The combination has been very pleasing and really successful. My son who I sometimes consider the 'Adventurous Color Designer' uses them in large containers with lime green ornamental sweet potatoes, and even calibrachos. He uses them at outdoor shopping centers where the clientele is often stunned at seeing hummingbirds at the mall.

Botanically speaking Vermillionaire is a Cuphea ignea hybrid. It develops into a woody-like plant and as I said bearing hundreds of scarlet-orange flowers for months. In zones 8 and 9 it will get knocked to the ground by freezes but normally returns faithfully in the spring provided it doesn't sit in water during the cold winter. Believe me, it is being grown in colder areas as an annual much like you would a petunia.

When you locate your Vermillionaire cupheas, buy at least three, select a site in full sun and plant in well-drained soil. Set plants 24 to 36 inches apart, planting at the same depth they are growing in the container. Apply a good layer of mulch, water to get established and then enjoy.

In early summer, pinch growth as needed and more branching will follow. My son does this religiously while I have a tendency to leave them natural. Both methods have proven very successful. Feed in mid-summer and again in early fall with a light application of a balanced, slow-release fertilizer. These species are drought tolerant, but watering during prolonged dry periods will pay dividends in the fall.

Use them informally in the garden rather than lined up like soldiers. They work well with other hummingbird plants like the firebush or planted in partnership with Chapel Hill yellow lantana and Gold Star esperanza. Blue flowers whether round or spikey create partnerships that you will want to photograph as much as the hummingbirds. A lot of hot weather remains, and Vermillionaire cupheas would make a fine addition to your garden!

What to do in the garden in August 2018

By **Jessica Damiano**
NEWSDAY

August brings mixed feelings to the garden: We're thrilled to see plump, ripe tomatoes clinging to their vines, and perennials in full bloom, but we know we've reached the apex and the road ahead is downhill. Here's a chore or tip for each day of the month to help extend the joys of a bountiful summer.

1. The Great LI Tomato Challenge is coming! Send pictures and your growing strategy to jessica.damiano@newsday.com

2. Keep lawnmower blades set no lower than 3 inches; any lower and you'll risk interfering with the grass' photosynthesis.

3. Harvest zucchini before they get too big; smaller ones are tastier and more tender.

4. Order peonies to ensure they arrive by prime planting time next month.

5. It's time to plant lettuce, radishes, spinach, peas, collards and other cool-season crops for a fall harvest.

6. If cabbage heads split, bring them indoors as soon as possible. Left outdoors, they'll become inedible.

7. Stop pruning evergreens, but start relocating those you'd like to move.

8. Tidy up garden beds with fresh edging.

9. For the best flavor, leave tomatoes on the vine until

fully ripened.

10. Give hybrid tea roses a sip of liquid seaweed to protect against heat wilt.

11. In the absence of rain, check moisture levels in potted plants twice daily; water when soil is dry.

12. Are the innermost branches of evergreens turning brown? Relax, that's normal for summer.

13. Harvest unsprayed rose hips and make tea or jam.

14. If electrical storms are in the forecast, remember to turn off pond pumps.

15. Keep pulling weeds as you see them — before they spew seeds around the garden. Then mulch the soil to prevent new ones from taking hold.

16. Harvest beets when they're 2 inches wide. Roast in foil and saute their greens separately for two side dishes from one plant.

17. Remove diseased foliage from plants and place in the trash.

18. Keep deadheading annuals and perennials. Many will reward you with repeat blooms.

19. Divide Japanese and Siberian iris.

20. Move potted tropicals and outdoor houseplants to a shady spot to help prepare them for their move indoors early next month.

21. Take cuttings of geraniums and wax begonias, and root indoors now. Care for them as houseplants until

spring, then plant outdoors in pots or directly in the garden.

22. Clean up fallen fruit from around trees to prevent disease and discourage rodents and other pests.

23. Harvest onions when their tops flop over, then allow them to cure in the sun for a few days.

24. Divide and transplant peonies, keeping eyes no more than an inch or two beneath the soil.

25. If you'd like to relocate spring-flowering bulbs, transplant them now.

26. Divide crowded day lilies.

27. It's time to renovate the lawn: Rake out dead patches, aerate, apply compost and seed. Water deeply once, then sprinkle lightly twice a day until filled in.

28. If houseplants vacationing outdoors for the summer have outgrown their containers, repot now.

29. Collect seeds from day lilies, Cleomes, Rose Campions and other podding plants. Store in a paper envelope in the fridge, away from fruit, until spring.

30. Join me at 7 p.m. for the 12 annual Great LI Tomato Challenge at Newsday (235 Pinelawn Rd., Melville). Just bring your best homegrown tomato — and you might be crowned king or queen!

31. Place your spring bulb orders now, before your selections sell out.

butterflies. Every day, there are Spicebush swallowtails, Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, and even Pearl Crescents. This



The Vermillionaire also attracts butterflies such as the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail.

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Life & Style

Reality White House: Trump, Omarosa trade insults, charges

By CATHERINE LUCEY and JILL COLVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump and former aide Omarosa Manigault Newman faced off Monday in a messy clash that involved an explosive tell-all book, secret recordings, an ethnic slur and plenty of insults—reviving their roles as reality show boss and villain.

Late Monday, Trump tackled Manigault Newman's claim that she had heard an audiotape of him using the N-word.

He tweeted that he had received a call from the producer of "The Apprentice" assuring him "there are NO TAPES of the Apprentice where I used such a terrible and disgusting word as attributed by Wacky and Deranged Omarosa."

Trump insisted, "I don't have that word in my vocabulary, and never have." He said Manigault Newman had called him "a true Champion of Civil Rights" until she was fired.

Manigault Newman, the former White House liaison to



AP
In this Feb. 1, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump, center, is flanked by White House staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman, left, and then-Housing and Urban Development Secretary-designate Ben Carson as he speaks during a meeting on African American History Month in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington.

black voters, writes in her new memoir that she'd heard such tapes existed. She said Sunday that she had listened to one after the book closed.

Earlier, Trump accused Manigault Newman as "wacky" and "not smart" after his former co-star revealed her recording of a phone conver-

sation with the president.

Beyond their war of words, the row touched on several sensitive issues in Trump's White House, including a lack of racial diversity among senior officials, security in the executive mansion, a culture that some there feel borders on paranoia and the extraordinary

measures used to keep ex-employees quiet.

In an unusual admission, Trump acknowledged that the public sparring was perhaps beneath a person in his position, tweeting that he knew it was "not presidential" to take on "a lowlife like Omarosa." But he added: "This is a

modern day form of communication and I know the Fake News Media will be working overtime to make even Wacky Omarosa look legitimate as possible. Sorry!"

The dispute has been building for days as Manigault Newman promotes her memoir "Unhinged," which comes

out officially Tuesday. The book paints a damning picture of Trump, including her claim that he used racial slurs on the set of his reality show "The Apprentice."

In a series of interviews on NBC, Manigault Newman also revealed two audio recordings from her time at the White House, including portions of a recording of her firing by chief of staff John Kelly, which she says occurred in the high-security Situation Room, and a phone call with Trump after she was fired.

Manigault Newman says she has more recordings. Asked on MSNBC's "Hardball" if special counsel Robert Mueller—investigating possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia—would be interested in any of them, she said, "If his office calls again, anything they want, I'll share."

Trump officials and a number of outside critics denounced the recordings as a serious breach of ethics and security—and White House aides worried about what else Manigault Newman may have captured in the West Wing.

The latest tape recording appears to show Trump expressing surprise about her firing, saying "nobody even told me about it." But Manigault Newman said he "probably instructed General Kelly to do it."

On Twitter, Trump declared Monday that she had been "fired for the last time," a reference to her appearances on his reality TV show. He said Kelly had called her a "loser & nothing but problems," but he himself had tried to save her job—because he liked her public comments about him.

"I told him to try working it out, if possible, because she only said GREAT things about me - until she got fired!" Trump tweeted.

Responding on NBC, Manigault Newman said, "I think it's sad that with all the things that's going on in the country that he would take time out to insult me and to insult my intelligence."

Wu's fight for 'Crazy Rich Asians' part of a bigger crusade

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Constance Wu had resigned herself to the fact that "Crazy Rich Asians" was not going to work out for her. She was under contract for her sitcom "Fresh Off the Boat", both were filming in the fall, and that was that. "Crazy Rich Asians" would be the first studio-made Asian-American movie in 25 years, and Wu, who has established herself as a crusader for Asian-American representation in Hollywood, would have to sit this historic moment out.

But then, feeling "kind of dramatic," and thinking about the significance of the project to her and untold number of Asian-Americans who make it a point to tell her their stories because of her tweets and "Fresh Off the Boat," Wu decided to give it one last shot and composed an email to "Crazy Rich Asians" director Jon M. Chu.

"I said, I know the dates don't work out and whoever you cast, I will be the first in line and I will be their No. 1 fan and supporter, but I did want to let you know that I

would put 110 percent of my heart into this project and I know what to do with it and how to carry a movie and if you can just wait for me, I don't think you'll regret it," Wu, 36, said. "I did NOT think this email would work. I did it more for me so that I felt that I had told my truth. But then he read it and said, 'You guys, we've got to push the production.'"

Sitting in a restaurant at the Beverly Wilshire, a hotel famous for co-starring in another "Cinderella" story, "Pretty Woman," and sipping on a "cocktail" of grapefruit juice and sparkling water, Wu is describing how "Crazy Rich Asians," out nationwide Wednesday is also a kind of "Cinderella" story. Based the first book in author Kevin Kwan's popular trilogy, Wu's character Rachel Chu is a middle-class economics professor from the U.S. who finds herself navigating the upper echelons of Singapore's wealthy classes when her boyfriend Nick Young takes her home for a wedding and to meet his disapproving

family and all the jealous women also vying for the attention of the "prince."

"It's a fairy tale, it really is," Wu said. "And there are a lot of different shoes in the movie!"

A native of Richmond, Virginia, and a classically-trained theater actress with a passion for musicals, Wu has been working toward a moment like this her whole life, and taking it very seriously. During the shoot, she wouldn't go out with her co-stars for karaoke nights or have a drink after a long day of work. She wanted to be clear of mind and she'd already promised her director that she was going to give it her all.

She knew how unlikely it was that she'd ever get an opportunity as an Asian-American woman to lead a studio movie.

"Even a terrific actress like Sandra Oh was always No. 2 or No. 3 in the movie, she was never No. 1 unless it was an independent movie," said Wu, who is not shy about



Wu

saying that she only wants to go out for roles where she is the No. 1 star. It's a drive that has made some uncomfortable.

"People are like, 'Who do you think you are? And it's like, I guess I think I'm a talented actor and I guess I'm not a person who is going to let you make me feel small anymore,'" she said.

But Wu isn't interested in making people feel comfortable at the expense of her truth, which is why at least part of her time is spent amplifying underrepresented voices on twitter, even knowing that it's affected her employment opportunities.

Wu once heard that a friend's liberal boyfriend said he didn't like Wu's politics.

"I'm like, 'Does he not like my politics or does he not like that I have politics?' And she asked him and he was like, 'Oh I guess it's that,'" Wu said.

Fame, she said, is silly in that regard. She thinks it's "dumb" that she has a bigger

voice than other people, like journalists or academics who are more studied in discourse on race and intersectionality. But, she also realized that while she has this platform, she can at least do some good with it.

Henry Golding, who plays Nick, is in awe of Wu's fortitude.

"She's such a role model for so many people. She has a backbone, which a lot of people don't. She's not afraid of saying what's on her mind and really driving home what she thinks should be done, or what's not happening in the industry that should be happening," said Golding. "She's going to go down as a real fighter and someone who can act the socks off anything. She is Rachel Chu."

As for what's next, Wu said she thinks she's going to have a lot of choices in the coming years.

"I'm very privileged and lucky and I'm at a point where I can sort of get to decide where I want to go with my career," Wu said.

And first up on her wish-list? A musical.

Beyoncé honors ailing Aretha Franklin at Detroit concert

DETROIT (AP) — Queen Bey dedicated her performance with husband, Jay Z, to the Queen of Soul drawing a thunderous roar from Aretha Franklin's hometown of Detroit.

The Detroit Free Press reports the moment came early in the show Monday night at Ford Field with Beyoncé saying, "We love you" and thanking the ailing 76-year-old for her "beautiful music."

Opening the show, DJ Khaled got the crowd excited when he played one of Franklin's biggest hits, "Respect."

A person close to Franklin, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not allowed to publicly talk about the topic, told The Associated Press on Monday that the singer is seriously ill. No more details were pro-



In this Nov. 4, 2016 file photo, Beyoncé and Jay-Z perform during a Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton campaign rally in Cleveland.

vided. Fans and friends, including Mariah Carey and Missy Elliott, have offered prayers and well wishes to the iconic soul singer.

Actor Liev Schreiber set to answer harassment charge

NYACK, N.Y. (AP) — Liev Schreiber is facing a harassment charge in suburban New York, where his lawyer says the actor is accused of shoving a photographer's camera.

The Rockland County district attorney's office says the star of Showtime's "Ray

Donovan" is due for arraignment Tuesday in Nyack (NEYE'-ak). The harassment charge dates to June 7 and is a violation, not a crime.

The DA's office would not give more



Schreiber

details.

Schreiber's lawyer, Jonathan Ripps, tells The Journal News the actor maintains his innocence. Ripps hasn't immediately responded to messages Monday.

Ripps tells the newspaper that Schreiber is accused of pushing the camera away after its flash went off. Ripps says the allegation "doesn't rise to the level of any law being broken."

"Ray Donovan" has been filming recently in Nyack.

Sean Young under investigation for alleged laptop theft

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Sean Young was under investigation Monday in New York after the alleged theft of two laptops belonging to a production company that fired her from a new film she was directing.

A New York Police Department spokeswoman said no charges have been filed against the 58-year-old star of the 1980s film "Blade Run-

ner." However, detectives are still looking into the matter.

NYPD Cadet Taylor Cannon said the laptops taken last Thursday from a Queens apartment came with production software for a film Young was directing called "Charlie Boy."

The actress has acknowl-



Young

edged that she mistakenly took the production laptops instead of her personal ones while retrieving her belongings. In a statement issued last Friday, Young said she had "gathered what I believed to be my property but later discovered I was mistaken."

She was fired from the film several months ago after a dispute with producers.

Her manager, Gregg Edwards, said Monday that a surveillance video shows her "putting her own tablet into her own car in the middle of the day." According to police, the video also shows Young entering and leaving the building accompanied by an unknown man.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

American Book Awards honor cultural diversity

NEW YORK (AP)—Books on human caging, early Detroit and African-American culture in Los Angeles are among this year's winners for works reflecting the country's diversity. The American Book Awards were announced Monday by the Before Columbus Foundation, founded in 1976 by author-poet Ishmael Reed. Winners included Kelly Lytle Hernandez's "City of Inmates: Conquest, Rebellion, and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles, 1771-1965" and Kellie Jones' "South of Pico: African American Artists in Los Angeles in the 1960s and 1970s." Tiya Miles was cited for her history "The Dawn of Detroit." Other recipients were Victor Lavalley for "The Changeling: A Novel," Valeria Luiselli for "Tell Me How It Ends," Tommy Pico for "Nature Poem" and Rena Priest for "Patriarchy Blues." Author-filmmaker Sequoyah

Guess was given a lifetime achievement award. The poets-musicians Heroes are Gang Leaders were cited for oral literature and an Editor/Publisher Award was given to the late Charles F. Harris, who championed the works of Alice Walker, Nikki Giovanni and other black writers.

Home once owned by Howard Hughes sells for \$1.35M

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—A home once owned by billionaire Howard Hughes has sold for \$1.35 million. KNTV-TV reports the three-bedroom home located along a secluded desert road in Palm Springs, California, retains the style of the 1950s. It features a lagoon-shaped pool, and comedian Bob Hope was once a neighbor. The identity of the buyer was not immediately released. Hughes, who was an aviation tycoon and film mogul, lived in hotels during the final years of his life. He was 70 years old when he died in 1976.

Model convicted of killing rival

LONDON (AP) — A British fashion model has been convicted of murdering a more successful rival after a social media-fueled dispute.

A jury found George Koh guilty on Monday of stabbing Harry Uzoka through the heart outside Uzoka's London home.

The 25-year-old victim was signed to London's Premier Model Management agency and had modeled for GQ and Zara.

Prosecutors say Uzoka ac-

cused Koh of trying to copy him, and the two men feuded after Koh claimed to have slept with Uzoka's girlfriend.

In January, Koh sent Uzoka a message challenging him to a fight. Uzoka was stabbed, and collapsed and died in the street.

Koh, 24, had denied murder, saying he was carrying two knives for self-defense.

Two other men were convicted alongside Koh. All will be sentenced Sept. 21.

Man in unconvinced that girlfriend has no sex drive

DEAR ABBY: I'm 22, and my boyfriend wants sex, but I absolutely do not. I don't feel sexual desire -- not at all. I'm asexual, but he refuses to believe me and insists my "past relations have scarred me" and that I "need to get over it."

When I was 17, I was raped by my ex-boyfriend, and I admit it traumatized me. But that isn't what my problem is. I honestly don't feel any need for sex. I never have.

This has become a serious problem for us because my boyfriend keeps pushing for it. Last year, we had sex on his birthday, but I froze up. I couldn't make myself refuse—just as I didn't consent—but he doesn't seem to understand that.

His birthday is coming up soon and he wants to have sex again, but like I've said, I DON'T. What am I supposed to do? I can't force myself to feel lust. It isn't there. Please help me.

NO DESIRE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NO DESIRE: Whether your lack of desire is related to the rape or you are naturally asexual is something no one can answer without a mental health professional seeing and evaluating you. However, I can unequivocally say this: If you don't want to have sex, pay attention to your feelings and don't do it.

There has been some conjecture that because we live in such an oversexualized society that some individuals have

become desensitized to it. However, because of your sexual history, it might benefit you to find a rape counseling center and talk to a counselor to ensure that the sexual assault didn't cause or contribute to this.

DEAR ABBY: After dating a guy I'll call Charlie for two years, I broke up with him. It was the biggest mistake I've ever made. I know I can't change anything, but now we have started talking again, and Charlie told me he had planned to propose to me the day I dumped him.

We have been discussing starting over again together. He's about to go across the country for college, and he asked me to move with him. Of course I said yes! It would be a perfect way to start fresh.

When I asked Charlie when we'd make us official, he said he has to focus on college first. I don't want to wait two to four years to begin our lives. Why would he want me to move with him and hold off being official if we're going to be together in the end? And what's the difference between being his fiancée moving with him and being a "friend" moving with him? I'm really upset, and I don't want to lose him again.

STARTING OVER IN THE EAST

DEAR STARTING OVER: The difference between being a girlfriend who goes with him to college and being Charlie's fiancée is night and day. What do you plan to do

DEAR ABBY

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when you get there? Get a job? Go to college, too? Who is going to support you financially on this adventure?

As a girlfriend, you will have far less status than if you were engaged. If he met someone else, you could be discarded like a gum wrapper along the highway of life. Please talk to your parents or some other adult relatives about this. As Charlie has made clear, he isn't ready for marriage—or even a committed relationship. You may not want to lose him, but the surest way to do that would be to do what you are planning.

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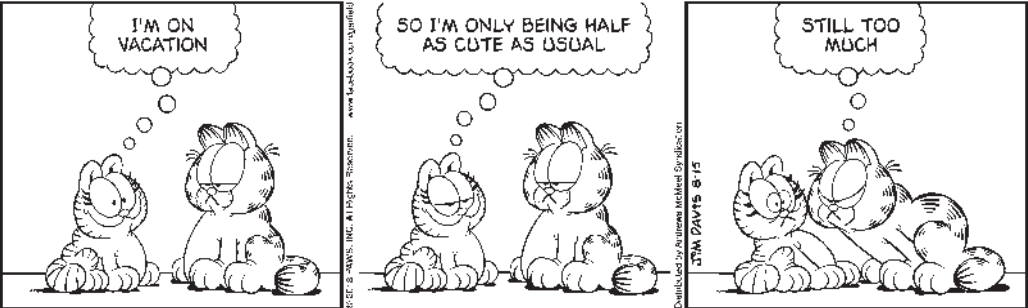
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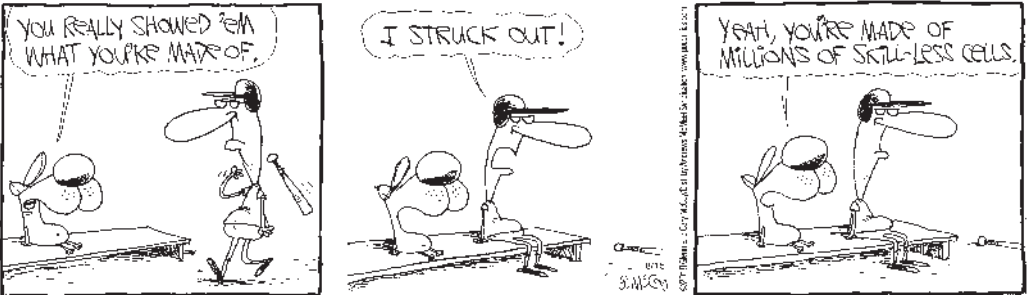
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11 Bewildered

13 Puts in extra hours on the job

16 Jargon suffix

17 Having a lot to lose?

18 Sailor

19 Raw materials

20 Estate recipient

21 Nervous

23 Marble cake pattern

25 Laugh-a-minute

26 Maui garlands

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1 Sports-cast

2 Out of control

3 Bleeps out

4 Script makeup

5 Entrap

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7 Hebrew prophet

8 Change for a ten

9 Hang around

10 Shock partner

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14 Follow orders

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20 That man's

21 Bridal path

22 Wanderers

23 Caulerize

24 Royal house

25 Shred

26 Tale tellers

28 Fall flower

29 Exhibits

30 Mario Puzo subject

31 Lena of "Chocolat"

32 Pie — mode

34 Shrill barks

35 Fore-shadow

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 8-15

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jennifer Lawrence, 28; Joe Jonas, 29; Anthony Anderson, 48; Debra Messing, 50.

Happy Birthday: Self-improvements are favored this year. Look for long-term results, not overnight fixes that won't last. Plan your actions and take a serious look at your habits and the people in your life who are good for you, as well as those who are not. Streamline your lifestyle to accommodate your life goals. Choose whatever will add stability to your life. Your numbers are 8, 15, 22, 26, 30, 32, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make partnerships a priority. Listen and react positively in order to get the most out of any discussion. Getting along will be half the battle and will make it easier to convince others to see things your way. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay focused on what's important to you as well as what's expected of you. Balancing between your needs and others' will help you maintain a strong connection to the people you need to help you reach your goal. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for the positive in everything and everyone. Focus on self-improvements and your emotional outlook. If someone is bringing you down, reconsider the relationship and how healthy it is for you to let it continue. Do what's best for you. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push yourself too hard. If you feel tired, take a break. Being aware of what you can and cannot do will make life easier. Don't let some-

one take advantage of you. Focus on people who make you happy. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give attention to yourself and the ones you love. Improvements can be made if you are demonstrative about the way you feel and what you want to achieve. Discuss your plans, but don't make a big deal if someone declines your invitation. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow your own path. Don't feel the need to persuade others to get involved in your goals. The less said and the more you get done, the better off you'll be. Hard work will bring positive change as well as added confidence. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wager your options. Follow the path that opens a window of opportunity into something you've always wanted to do. Create a strong alliance through personal improvements that will benefit you as well as the people you want on your team. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't share your feelings until you know more about the person prying into your affairs. A big talker will offer interesting but false information. Don't get caught up in someone else's dream or scam. Do your own thing. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at the big picture. Be honest with yourself before you delve into something you know little about. Do your research and consider the consequences of making a premature move. Know your limitations, and stick to your comfort zone. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may crave change, but before you decide to take a chance on something or someone that intrigues you, consider the possible outcome. Trust must be earned; don't give someone the benefit of the doubt. Get a second opinion. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time and money into your skills and your future. Focus on your appearance, health and ability to handle your financial affairs properly. Make your own way instead of being a follower. Trust in your intelligence, not hearsay. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have big ideas and persuasive abilities that will convince others to help you get what you want. Make sure your plans are solid before getting others involved. Being held accountable will not be as pleasant as being the hero. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are outspoken, generous and hardworking. You are aggressive and persuasive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Actuality: ★★

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Yesterday's Answer

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4	5	9	6	7	2	1	8	3
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

KATE SPADE (1962-2018)

Solution: 8 letters

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Future bright for Tiger after PGA Championship



ST. LOUIS (AP)—Over an ear-splitting afternoon in which most of the cheers weren't for him, Brooks Koepka got a taste of what golf feels like when Tiger Woods is in the hunt.

And in his exhilarating but ultimately futile attempt to catch Koepka at the PGA Championship, Woods got a taste of what it's going to take to get back on top in the majors.

Woods provided the thrills Sunday—a fist-pumping, club-slamming, roller-coaster ride of a final round in which he threatened from beginning to end but couldn't knock Koepka out of the lead, or deny him the trophy.

Koepka heard the commotion in front of him all day—"You could hear a different roar like every 30 seconds, so we knew what was going on," he said—but did what he does best at the majors: He put on a calm, collected show of precision golf to hold off Woods by two shots and become only the fifth person to win a U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year.

When it was over, Woods had a warm hug and a huge smile for the guy he calls "Brooksy."

"It's tough to beat when the guy hits it 340 down the middle," Woods said. "When a guy's doing that and hitting it straight, and as good a putter as he is, it's tough to beat."

Koepka set the PGA Championship record with a four-day score of 16-under 264. His best shot over a final round of 4-under 66 was a lasered 4-iron to the 16th green that landed 6 feet away and set up a birdie. That gave Koepka a two-shot cushion that allowed him to coast into the finish, much the way he did at Shinnecock earlier this summer, and at Erin Hills in last year's U.S. Open.

Drama? That was Woods' domain. Boy did he deliver.

Over a wild first nine holes, Woods didn't hit a single fairway off the tee



Tiger Woods celebrates after making a birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in St. Louis.

Woods bent down and dropped his hands to his knees in agony.

But he did not quit. He hit an approach to 5 feet for birdie on 12, then a tee shot to 10 for another birdie on 13.

Roars echoed through the trees at Bellerive.

"We didn't mention it at all," said Koepka's caddie, Ricky Elliott. "It was pretty evident what Tiger was doing."

Woods could've made it louder.

He had a 20-foot putt on No. 16 to capture a share of the lead, but pushed it barely off line. He followed by blocking his drive on 17 to the right of a creek that skirts the right-hand side of the par-5 hole. He scrambled for a par there when he really needed a birdie and was three back once he reached the 18th fairway.

For one final flourish, Woods sank a 19-foot putt for a birdie that got him to 14 under and pumped his fist to celebrate.

"Making that putt at least gave me a chance," Woods said.

He needed Koepka to collapse over the last two holes.

It did not happen.

Carmelo signs 1-year, \$2.4M deal with Rockets



HOUSTON (AP)—Carmelo Anthony signed a one-year, \$2.4 million deal with the Houston Rockets on Monday.

Anthony was traded from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the Atlanta Hawks last month before the Hawks released him.

Houston general manager Daryl Morey announced the signing and the Rockets posted a picture on social media of Anthony signing his contract.

The 34-year-old joins a team led by MVP James Harden and star point guard Chris Paul. The Rockets hope the addition of Anthony will help them contend for their first title since 1995. They lost to the Golden State Warriors in the Western Conference finals last season.

Anthony will get a fresh start in Houston after spending last season with the Thunder, with whom he averaged a career-low 16.2 points in 78 games. The third overall pick in the 2003 draft has averaged 24.1 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3 assists in a 15-year career that also included stints with the Denver Nuggets and the New York Knicks.

The 6-foot-8 Anthony is a 10-time All-Star and has won three gold medals in the Olympics. He is USA Basketball's all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

Anthony has averaged more than 20 points every year of his career except last season and led the NBA in scoring in 2012-13, when he averaged 28.7 points a game.

but got up and down from everywhere. He needed a grand total of 10 putts to make the turn in 3-under 32 and stay within two shots.

He hit a poor approach on No. 11, but stared down a 30-foot putt for birdie that would have kept momentum on his side. The ball came to rest

on the inner-edge of the cup—much like the famous chip-in on the 16th hole at Augusta in 2005. That one went in. This one stayed out, and

Furyk gets core of Ryder Cup team, and obvious pick in Woods



ST. LOUIS (AP)—The upside to Jim Furyk finishing so early at the PGA Championship was being able to watch the final round on television, partly as a player but mostly as the Ryder Cup captain.

And that meant seeing plenty of Tiger Woods.

"I really wanted to see kind of how Tiger was playing, and I only got to see ... I don't know, like every shot he hit for the rest of the day," Furyk said Monday with a laugh. "It was great theater, really."

Ultimately, nothing really changed.

Woods was as dynamic as he has been all year, shot 6-under 64 for the lowest final round of his career in the majors, had his lowest 72-hole score in the majors, captivated one of the largest and loudest galleries in golf and was runner-up to Brooks Koepka by two shots.

He's a threat at majors or anywhere else. He gets attention inside and outside the ropes.

As for the Ryder Cup, Furyk ended up with the same eight players who started the week atop the U.S. standings.

The PGA Championship was the final event for eight players to earn automatic spots. Furyk will choose three

captain's picks next month after the second FedEx Cup playoff event, with the last pick Sept. 10 after the third playoff.

Koepka, who won three of the eight majors during the qualifying period, overtook Dustin Johnson to lead the points list, and the next six players stayed the same—Justin Thomas, Patrick Reed, Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler and Webb Simpson.

Woods, who started the year with zero points, moved from No. 20 to No. 11 on the strength of his tie for sixth at the British Open, where he briefly led during the final round, and his runner-up at Bellerive.

Furyk was not willing to say what appears certain for everyone else: Woods will be in France with golf clubs for the Sept. 28-30 matches.

"We want the players who are going to help us be successful," Furyk said. "He's playing very well. I think there's a lot of folks out there who probably think he can help us. Really, what we wanted to talk about today was the top eight players. I realize Tiger is a story. I realize he's playing very well, and I'm excited to see that."

Woods was appointed a vice captain in

late February, and he has said he would like to serve two roles. He also said that when he was appointed a vice captain for the Presidents Cup for the 2017 matches, and no one took him all that seriously.

They do now, and Woods made it clear he wants to compete in his first Ryder Cup since 2012.

"I do want to be there as a player," he said Sunday. "Our captain has some decisions to make. We'll all sit down and give him our input, who can contribute. Hopefully, my name will be part of that process."

Woods doesn't need numbers to state his case. He's Tiger Woods, and that carries a lot of weight.

Along with moving to No. 11 in the Ryder Cup standings, Woods now is at No. 20 in the FedEx Cup. With one decent week in the playoffs, he most likely would be assured of being in all four of the events, ending with the Tour Championship the week before boarding a plane to Paris.

It would be the second time he plays the Ryder Cup as a captain's pick. The other was in 2010, when he was coming off the scandal in his personal life that kept him out of golf until the 2010 Masters, and he fin-

ished the qualifying period at No. 12.

Furyk has other decisions to make.

Phil Mickelson failed to qualify for the Ryder Cup for the first time since 1993, his first full season on the PGA Tour. He was 10th in the standings and missed the cut at a PGA Championship that was ripe for scoring. Mickelson has one victory over the last five years, a playoff win over Thomas in the Mexico Championship. He was not a factor in any of the majors, though he was regarded as a central figure in the team room and helped reshaped the U.S. model for the Ryder Cup.

Bryson DeChambeau was at No. 9 and missed the cut. Xander Schauffele is at No. 12. Right behind him is Matt Kuchar, who has played in every Ryder Cup since 2010 but who has only four top 10s this year and missed the cut in two majors.

Furyk said he would be meeting with his vice captains frequently over the next few weeks, and planned to attend two of the FedEx Cup playoff events for meetings and dinners with players already on the team, who also will have some input.

That includes Woods, a vice captain and sure-fire pick.

Braves' Acuna hits leadoff homers in doubleheader



ATLANTA—Ronald Acuna Jr. pulled off one of the rarest feats in baseball history, hitting leadoff homers in both games of a doubleheader to send the first-place Atlanta Braves to a sweep of the Miami Marlins on Monday.

The 20-year-old rookie hit an opposite-field drive into the Braves' bullpen in Game 1, powering Atlanta to a 9-1 victory. Haitian-American Touki Toussaint (1-0) pitched six strong innings to win his major league debut.

It was more of the same from Acuna in the nightcap. He sent a towering shot into the seats in left-center, sparking the Braves to a 6-1 victory behind another strong outing on the mound from Mike Foltynewicz (10-7).

Acuna appeared to be only the fourth player in big league history to hit a pair of leadoff homers in a doubleheader.

Merandy Gonzalez (2-1) took the loss in the second game after being called up from Double-A Jacksonville for his first career start.

Acuna hit his first leadoff homer off Pablo Lopez (2-3) and added a two-run double in the sixth, highlighting a five-run outburst that turned the game into a blowout.

Cardinals 7, Nationals 6

In St. Louis, Paul DeJong handed Washington its second straight walk-off loss, capping a back-and-forth finish with a game-ending solo homer in the ninth inning for St. Louis.

DeJong took Koda Glover (0-1) deep on a 3-1 pitch. A night earlier, Ryan Madson allowed a game-ending grand slam in the ninth to the Chicago Cubs' David Bote to end a 4-3 defeat.

Matt Carpenter kicked off a wild ending with a three-run, go-ahead homer during a four-run eighth inning for the Cardinals. It was his 17th homer during a 31-game on-base streak. Carpenter has homered in seven of his past 10 games.

Washington tied it at 6 in the top of the ninth on RBI singles by Daniel Murphy and Matt Wieters off closer Bud Norris. Dakota Hudson (3-0) stranded two runners.

Athletics 7, Mariners 6

In Oakland, Jed Lowrie drove in four runs to back Sean Manaea, and Oakland held off a late Seattle rally in a matchup of AL West contenders.

Manaea (11-8) pitched into the eighth and bounced back from a season-low 2 2/3 innings against the Dodgers his last time out.

Second-place Oakland moved 2 1/2 games ahead of the Mariners, who had momentum coming off a four-game sweep at first-place and defending World Series champion Houston. The idle Astros had their lead trimmed to two games over the A's.

Seattle loaded the bases with none out in the ninth on three walks by Jeurys Familia before Blake Treinen relieved. He allowed a run on a wild pitch and two more on Mitch Haniger's single before closing it out for his 31st save.



Nelson Cruz struck out to end it with runners on first and second.

Giants 5, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, pinch-hitter Nick Hundley delivered a two-run single in the ninth inning to give San Francisco its first lead, and the Giants handed Los Angeles' bullpen its fourth consecutive loss.

This time, the Dodgers wasted a masterful start by Clayton Kershaw, who held the Giants to one run on eight singles in a marquee matchup with San Francisco ace Madison Bumgarner.

Hundley's two-out single put the Giants ahead 3-2. Gorkys Hernandez singled in another run, and San Francisco scored one more on an error by Max Muncy.

All the runs came against Scott Alexander (2-1), the latest Dodgers reliever to struggle in the absence of closer Kenley Jansen.

Ray Black (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Will Smith earned his ninth save.

Mets 8, Yankees 5

In New York, Jacob deGrom struck out 12 and the New York Mets backed him in a big way, hitting five home runs while battering Luis Severino and the Yankees.

Amed Rosario led off this Subway Series matchup with a drive into the right-field seats and Jose Bautista, Todd Frazier, Brandon Nimmo and Michael Conforto later

connected. The club's best power show since June 2017 sent chants of "Let's go, Mets!" bouncing all around Yankee Stadium.

Hurt by poor run support most of the season, deGrom (7-7) threw 6 2/3 innings and left with a major league-best 1.81 ERA. He allowed two earned runs and exited with a 7-3 lead.

Severino (15-6) was gone a lot earlier. Stuck in a rut that began before he pitched in the All-Star Game, the right-hander was tagged for seven hits and four runs in four innings.

Miguel Andujar hit a two-run homer in the Yankees eighth off Seth Lugo. Robert Gsellman worked the ninth for his seventh save.

Indians 10, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Jose Ramirez connected for his 35th homer and Yandy Diaz hit a tiebreaking double in Cleveland's seven-run sixth inning against Cincinnati.

Ramirez, Michael Brantley and Yan Gomes had three hits apiece as the Indians won for the fifth time in six games. Melky Cabrera and Jason Kipnis each drove in two runs.

The Indians increased their AL Central lead to 12 1/2 games over Minnesota after receiving an update from team president Chris Antonetti on the status of outfielder Leonys Martin, who is recovering from a life-threatening bacterial infection. Martin is in stable condition at the Cleveland Clinic.

Tucker Barnhart, Scooter Gennett and Curt Casali homered for the last-place Reds. Homer Bailey (1-10) was tagged for five runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Mike Clevinger (8-7) walked six in five innings, but got his first win since July 1.

Rangers 5, Diamondbacks 3

In Arlington, Bartolo Colon won his first start since setting the record for victories by a Latin American pitcher, going five innings to help Texas beat Arizona.

Robinson Chirinos hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the fourth to end Zack Greinke's streak of nine straight starts allowing two runs or fewer. Chirinos added an RBI single in the eighth.

Colon (7-10) retired 10 consecutive batters after allowing run-scoring doubles by A.J. Pollock and Steven Souza Jr. in the first. The 45-year-old Dominican right-hander got his 247th career win, two more than Dennis Martinez of Nicaragua.

Ronald Guzman also homered off Greinke (12-8), who allowed six hits and four runs in 6 1/3 innings.

Colon gave up four hits and three runs while setting a Texas record with his 22nd straight start with two or fewer walks. He has won both his starts in August after losing all five in July.

Jose Leclerc earned his second save.

Atlanta Braves' Ronald Acuna Jr. (13) scores on a sacrifice fly to left field by Freddie Freeman as Miami Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto reaches for the throw during the fifth inning of the first game in a baseball doubleheader Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in Atlanta.

Angels 6, Padres 3, 10 innings

In San Diego, Kole Calhoun hit a tiebreaking double in the 10th inning and Justin Upton added a two-run homer to cap a four-run rally that carried Los Angeles past San Diego.

Jose Briceno homered early for the Angels, who got 7 1/3 solid innings from starter Andrew Heaney. Upton robbed pinch-hitter Eric Hosmer of a go-ahead homer in the eighth, making a catch above the left-field wall to leave Hosmer with a tying sacrifice fly.

Calhoun drove in Eric Young Jr. with a ground-rule double to put Los Angeles ahead. Shohei Ohtani scored on David Fletcher's perfect squeeze bunt, and Upton made it 6-2 when he connected off Craig Stammen (5-2) for his 25th homer.

Blake Parker gave up a solo homer to Hosmer in the bottom half. Cam Bedrosian (4-2) got the win.

Royals 3, Blue Jays 1

In Kansas City, Ryan O'Hearn homered and drove in a career-high three runs, Brad Keller threw seven strong innings and Kansas City beat Toronto to spoil Sean Reid-Foley's major league debut.

Reid-Foley (0-1) was removed after allowing three runs in five innings. He is only the second player in major league history to be born in Guam.

O'Hearn, a rookie who entered batting .130 with three RBI, homered off Reid-Foley with Brett Phillips aboard in the second. O'Hearn also walked with the bases loaded in the fourth.

Whit Merrifield had three hits as the Royals got their second victory in 11 games.

Keller (5-5) yielded one run and four hits. Willy Peralta closed for his seventh save.

Devon Travis homered early for the Blue Jays.

Tigers 9, White Sox 5

In Detroit, Nicholas Castellanos had a career-high five hits, including a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning, and drove in five runs as Detroit beat Chicago.

Castellanos singled in the first, doubled and scored in the fourth, hit an RBI double in the fifth and hit a two-run homer off Jeanmar Gomez (0-1) in the seventh. It was the sixth five-RBI game of his career, including one against the White Sox on June 16.

Castellanos came up again in the eighth with the bases loaded and two outs, needing a triple for the cycle, but settled for a two-run single that put the Tigers ahead 9-5.

Louis Coleman (4-1) got the win with a scoreless inning of relief. The Tigers are 9-1 against the White Sox this season.

Broncos quarterback Lynch demoted, Kelly promoted



ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

(AP)—Paxton Lynch inched closer to full-blown bust status Monday when he was demoted to third string after Chad Kelly's solid debut in the Denver Broncos' exhibition opener.

"Chad's played well. He played well in the scrimmage. He played well Saturday night. So he deserves the chance to be the 2 right now," coach Vance Joseph said.

Lynch was disappointed, Joseph said, "but he understands that it's a performance business."

"He has great potential, physical potential. But it's got to equal performance eventually," Joseph said. "He understands that. It's a performance league. And everything we do, it's graded and it's counted."

After a string of poor performances at training camp, Lynch was ineffective in seven series Saturday night against Minnesota, completing 6 of 11 passes for 24 yards and an interception to go with a sack.

Kelly, who missed his rookie season last year while recovering from wrist and knee injuries, completed 14 of 21 passes for 177 yards, two touchdowns and an interception in Denver's 42-28 loss to the Vikings.



AP
Denver Broncos quarterback Paxton Lynch gets sacked by Minnesota Vikings defensive tackle Jaleel Johnson during the first half in an NFL football preseason game Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, in Denver.

Kelly celebrated his promotion by sticking around after practice Monday and throwing passes to tight end Jake Butt and receiver River Cracraft for more than 20 minutes.

Kelly thanked his teammates, saying they had just as much to do with his promotion.

"Those guys made the plays. They got me in the right protections and the guys with the ball in their hands made plays," Kelly said.

When Case Keenum signed this spring and Trevor Siemian was subsequently traded to the Vikings, Broncos general manager John Elway said the No. 2 QB job was up for grabs.

Lynch, however, worked exclusively with the second-string offense until Monday, when they flip-flopped roles, leaving Lynch a sideline spectator during the two-minute drills, reflective of his new status as the team's third quarterback.

The switch at QB is as much a reward for Kelly's solid off-season as it is an indictment of Lynch, who hasn't made the strides Joseph and Elway expected of him in Year 3—especially without the pressure

of having to vie for the starting job again.

"It's really more about what Chad's done, honestly—and Chad has played well, he's played with poise, he's played with confidence," Joseph said. "He moved the ball for us on Saturday night. And it's been that way since the spring. He had a great spring. He's had a great camp. So, it's his turn to be the 2. He's earned that right."

Lynch was beaten out by Siemian, a seventh-round draft pick, in each of the last two summers and now has fallen behind another seventh-round pick of the 2017 NFL draft.

Joseph noted that the competition isn't over, the depth chart remains fluid.

"And it rewards guys who are playing well," Joseph said. "It's only right. That's what we live by with our players: if you're playing well and you earn it, you push up and you get it. It's a fair league."

Kelly could stay ahead of Lynch on the depth chart and still not win the backup job, though, if the Broncos decide to go out and get an experienced free agent instead.

Asked if he'd have any reservations about going into the regular season with the inexperienced Kelly as his No. 2 QB, Joseph said, "Things change in this league all the time. But right now, he's our backup."

Murray loses in Cincinnati, clearing Federer's path

MASON, Ohio (AP)—Andy Murray lost to Lucas Pouille 6-1, 1-6, 6-4 in the first round of the Western & Southern Open on Monday, clearing another obstacle for Roger Federer in this U.S. Open tuneup.

Top-seeded Rafael Nadal dropped out Sunday night to prepare for the U.S. Open after winning his fifth title of the year in Toronto.

Federer, seeded second, has won in Cincinnati a record seven times but hasn't played there since winning

in 2015. In 2016 he had a knee injury, and in 2017 he had back problems.

"Cincinnati has always been a good tournament for me," said Federer, the reigning Australian Open champion. "I was sad not to play here last year, and two years ago there wasn't a chance. I'm glad to be back."

Even with the top-ranked Nadal missing, Federer liked the strength of this field, espe-



cially with Murray and Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic also successfully recovering from injuries. Murray had his best result since missing 11 months following hip surgery when he reached the quarterfinals in Washington two weeks ago.

"That's why you have such a good, exciting draw," Federer said before Murray's match was over. "It's a pity Rafa isn't playing. He would

have added massively to that part of the draw."

Grigor Dimitrov, the defending champion who is seeded fifth, was not entirely upset about Nadal's absence.

"When Rafa is missing, he's missed, not so much by the players as much as the fans," he said. "All joking aside, I love spending time with Rafa and practicing with him and playing with him. I would be the last person to say I wouldn't want to play with him."

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co-ed U13A, boys U15, girls U16, and boys U18 will play in a competitive format.

NMIFA needs to determine the numbers of squads that will play this season to work on the schedule of games at

the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. The association also reminded interested teams that this season's boys U15 division will implement the 11 versus 11 format.

This is the second straight season that NMIFA switched to the U13 (from U12 in 2017), boys U15 (U14), girls

U16 (U15), and boys U18 (U17) age group format. In the spring season, Kanoa Football Club won the girls U16 championship after pulling off a 2-1 win over Shirley's FC, while Kanoa also earned the boys U15 crown after completing the double-round robin competi-

tion with a 8-2-0 win-draw-loss record.

MP United took the boys U18 title, as it was also unbeaten in the spring season after posting a 7-1-0 mark, while TanHoldings FC-1 bagged the U13 championship after prevailing in a playoff game against MP United, 3-1.

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tralia's Charlotte Kempnaers-Pocz, 6-4, 6-2.

New Caledonia's Jeylani Ipuresso, Fiji's Saoirse Breen and Ruby Coffin, Vanuatu's Rosale Malbaleh, and the Solomon Islands' Zorika Morgan joined Kaga in the showers of the girls singles field after bowing to their respective Australian opponents.

Morgan was defeated by Anastasia Berezov, 6-2, 6-0; Ciara Di Tommaso beat Molbaleh, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2 seed Megan Smith ousted Coffin, 6-1, 6-1; and Amber Marshall eliminated Ipuresso, 7-5, 6-1.

In the boys singles division, Schorr, Song, and Sean were shut down by Australia's Alex Bulte, No. 3 Ken Cavrak, and No. 4 Stefan Storch, respectively. No Pacific Oceania male player survived the

opening round with Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy and Marlin Hannam, American Samoa's Larry Magalasin, and Tahiti's Jeremy Guines also dropping their first round matches.

Meanwhile, in the boys doubles event, Song will be paired with Lee and incidentally, they will meet Guines and Schorr in the opening round today.

In the women's doubles, Carol has Di Tommaso as her

partner and the No. 3 seed duo will take on the Kiwi pair of Miyaura and Jade Otway with the quarterfinals slot up for grabs in today's game. Kaga, on the other hand, will team up with Ipuresso and they will challenge Australia's Lara Walker and Bains with the winner likely to duel the No. 2 seed pair of Schumacher and Megan Smith, who will square off against the unranked Yang and Mia Repac.

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Coldeen, who was among the members of the CNMI baseball community that gave tribute to him.

"Tan Ko" was one of my first friends on Saipan, a true gentleman and wonderful person whose selfless devotion to baseball was unparalleled in Micronesia. A true legend," Coldeen said.

SBL coordinator and fellow CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Tony Rogolifo also had good words for "Tan Ko."

"He was a baseball icon. His contribution to CNMI baseball is immeasurable. He taught me a lot about the sport, especially when it comes to keeping the game's statistics. Without him and his works, we have no baseball history and records to show. Our condolences to the family," the Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director said.

NMSA, which inducted "Tan Ko" into the Class 2005 of the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame, also took note of his contributions to the favorite sport on the islands.

"NMSA and the entire sporting community of the Northern Mariana Islands are saddened by the passing of Francisco M. Palacios. A member of our Hall

of Fame, his contributions to baseball in the CNMI and the Micronesian region are immeasurable. His memory will live on, not only on the baseball field named in his honor, but in our hearts as well. We offer our most sincere condolences to his family," NMSA president Mike White.

Saipan Tribune reporter Jon Perez was awed of Palacios' wealth of information in baseball that his visit to the latter's residence to take a copy of the scoresheets almost always lasted for more than one hour.

"He will sit down and discuss the highlights of the games and what record this pitcher or batter broke. He taught me a lot of baseball terms I am not familiar with, as I rarely cover baseball games back in the Philippines. It was an honor meeting him and working with him," Perez said.

When "Tan Ko" retired from his scorekeeping duties in 2006, his son, Raymond, took over and he vowed to keep his father's legacy in the sport.

"My father loves baseball very much. Tonight (yesterday), although we are saddened by his death, I will still go to the press box of the 'Tan Ko' baseball field and do the scoresheets of the game. I am sure that's what he wanted me to do," Raymond said.

CNMI National Training Teams

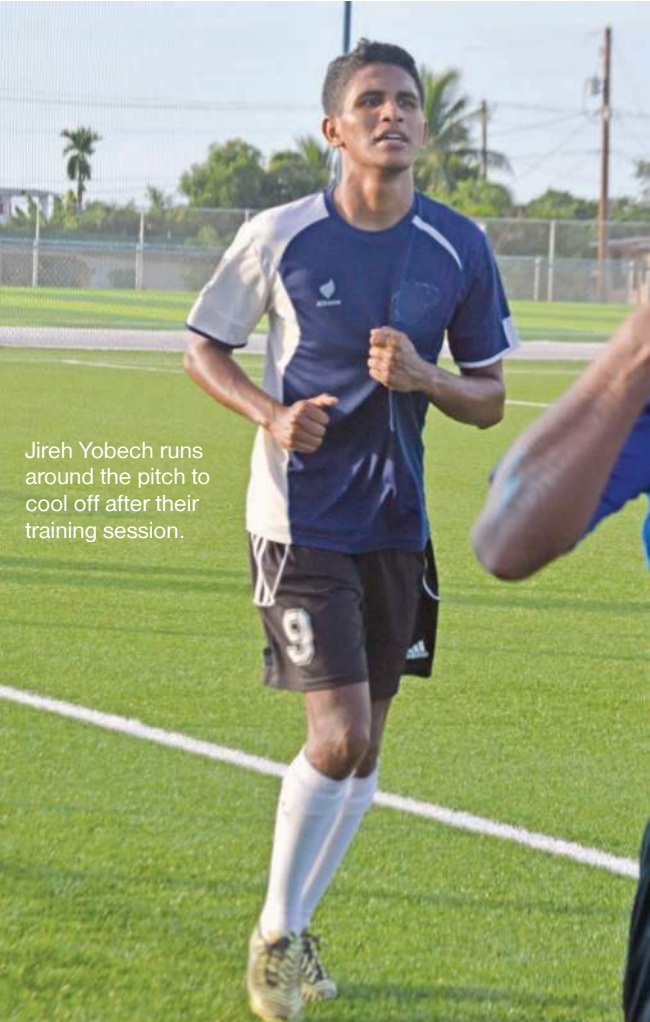
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The CNMI men’s training pool’s Raymond Mercado, left, dribbles in front of the defense of the CNMI boys U16’s Ichiro Borja during a practice session at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville late last month.



The CNMI boys U16 team’s Kirt Andon, left, steps closer on defense against Ichiro Borja.



Jireh Yobech runs around the pitch to cool off after their training session.



The men’s training pool’s Hark Galarion leaps to receive a pass from his teammate.



Two members of the U16 squad battle for possession.



Training pool members do stretching drills.



Team official Angie Ito supervises the practice of the training pool.



Members of the women’s training pool perform warm-up drills.



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'Tan Ko' passes away

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CNMI baseball lost a legend yesterday following the death of Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios.

According to his grandson A.J. Murig, the CNMI Sports Hall of Famer died of natural causes at his residence in Chalan Kanoa yesterday afternoon. He was 89.



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Carol Lee, seen here in a file photo, won her opening match in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018 yesterday in Fiji.

Carol sweeps way to second round

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The CNMI's Carol Lee took only two sets to win her opening round match in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018 yesterday in Fiji.

The No. 4 seed Lee swept the unranked Ema Miyaura of New Zealand, 6-4, 6-4, to move into the second round of the 32-player singles draw. In Round 2, the 16-year-old will be up against Australia's Roopa Bains, who also needed only two sets to win her opener against New Zealand's Vivian Yang, 7-5, 6-0.

Lee is the lone Commonwealth bet and only the sec-

ond Pacific Oceania player to make it to the next round, as compatriot Conatsu Kaga, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and her brother Sean, bowed out of competition yesterday.

Kaga was eliminated by No. 5 seed Grace Schumacher, as the Australian eased her way to a 6-0, 6-2 win at the upper half of the draw.

Eleanor Schuster was the other Pacific Oceania player to survive the first round, as the Samoa representative eked out a 6-3, 7-6 (6) triumph over Australia's Maggie Pearce. Schuster's next opponent will be No. 1 seed and New Zealand's Valentina Ivanov, who topped Aus-

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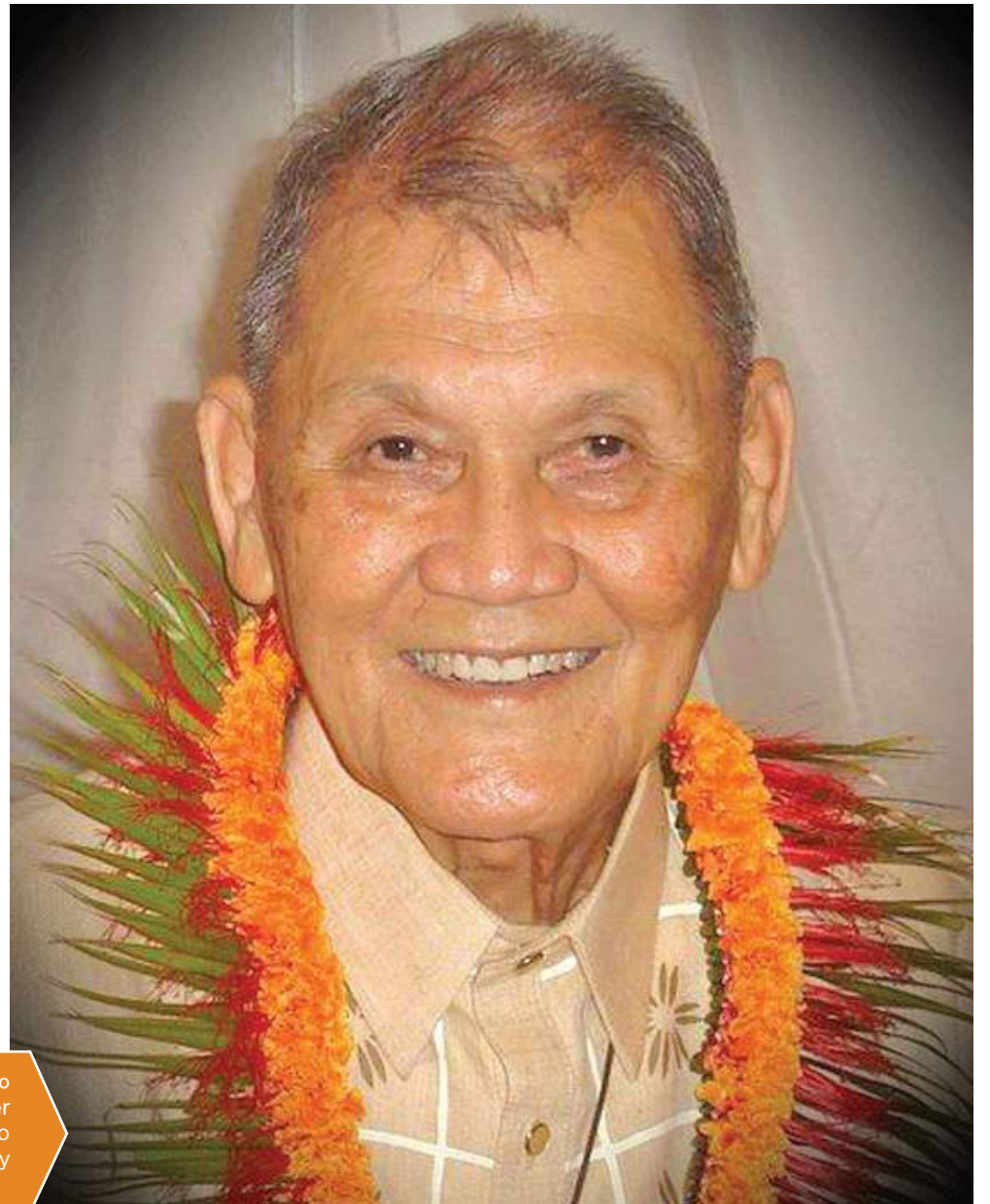
"He lived a full life, dedicating his time to baseball and the church. We will definitely miss him and will carry on his legacy in baseball," said Murig, who recalled learning from his grandfather how to do baseball statistics when he was just 10 years old.

"Tan Ko" was the man on the press box of the baseball field named after him, keeping the game's scoresheets since the beginning of the men's baseball league (former Saipan Major League and now Saipan Baseball League) in 1982 until 2006. However, he started doing baseball records earlier—in the 1950s when he returned to Saipan after studying in Palau—and his neatly written scoresheets and players and teams' statistics served as proofs of the rich history of baseball, not only in the Marianas, but in the entire Micronesian region.

Some of Palacios' well-kept statistics are found in the book *Saipan Baseball From The Beginning* he co-authored with KSPN news director Bob

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI Sports Hall of Famer and baseball legend Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios passed away yesterday.



NMIFA to open youth fall league next month



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The 2018 NMIFA Youth Fall League will

kick off on Sept. 8 and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is requesting various clubs to confirm their participation in the different divisions.

The non-competitive division will have the U6, U9, U11, and U13B co-ed age groups, while teams in the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MP United Football Club and TanHoldings FC players chase the ball during a game in the 2018 NMIFA Spring Youth League at the Hopwood Middle School Field.